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Babylon Gallery to reopen in new year

ART lovers got an early Christmas present with the announcement that Ely's popular Babylon Gallery will reopen in the new year.

The riverside gallery was forced to shut its doors in June after East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) slashed arts funding by £70,000.

That cut meant Arts Development in East Cambridgeshire (ADeC) could no longer afford to keep the gallery open – but it will reopen on February 14 after an eight-month closure.

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The gallery, which had been open for eight years, attracted about 25,000 people through its doors each year and a large portion of its funding came from ECDC grants.

Jane Wilson, ADeC director, said: "We have been working very hard behind the scenes to ensure ADeC continues to deliver local access to high quality arts in East Cambridgeshire.

"I am delighted we have been able to secure our premises for the next 12 months with the support of ECDC.

"The response from local and regional artists has been fantastic and we are now looking to build on support from the local community to help us open the gallery over the weekends.

"The success of recent fundraising activities, in particular our poster sale which raised over £1,500, will enable us to bring popular national touring exhibitions to the gallery as well giving a platform to some of the best contemporary visual artists and craftspeople working in the region."

The first exhibition will open on Valentine's Day with work from Cambridge-based photographer Richard Heeps.

Cllr Fred Brown, district council leader, said: "The reopening of Babylon Gallery is great news for everyone in the district.

"It is really important to have a strong cultural sector in East Cambridgeshire and we are continually working with ADeC to make this happen.

"The gallery has become a symbol in recent years for the arts in the district but it is important to remember a huge amount of work is done in our market towns and villages to ensure as many people as possible are able to join in the arts.

"I am looking forward to seeing the exciting exhibitions which will no doubt come to the gallery and I hope to be joined by many residents and visitors."

Artist Ted Coney, who campaigned to save the gallery, welcomed the news.

Mr Coney, of Waterside, said:

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Youngsters co-operate to launch store's fresh look

SCHOOLCHILDREN helped cut the ribbon during the opening of the new-look Co-op store in Soham.

The pupils, from St Andrews School in the town, were re-opening the High Street store after its £350,000 revamp and in return the store donated £200 to school funds.

The shop has been revamped as part of the nationwide transformation of the Co-op's nationwide chain.

According to a company spokesman the aim of the revamp is to improve service standards in all of the group's 4,500 outlets.

Chris Smith, manager at the Soham Co-op, said: "We have improved a much-valued service for our local community and I am confident shoppers will be delighted with our improved store."

■ **GRAND OPENING** . . . Matthew Taylor wields some giant scissors, watched by, from left, Chris Smith, Co-op manager, Joshua Bell, Matthew Skelton, Isabell Alcock and Rita Rodriguez.

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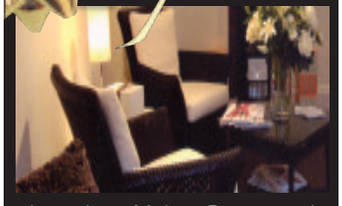

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■ **PRIZE AT STAKE** . . . Emma Furness, one of the founders of Mums About Food, in front of the 'Dragons' and, below, making the pitch CP.

Mums brave the dragons' den and win office prize

A NOT-FOR-PROFIT organisation run by young mums providing healthy eating cookery classes to hard to reach groups has won a rent-free office in East Cambridgeshire.

"Mums About Food" beat off stiff competition in a *Dragons' Den* style contest to win three months' free office space at e-space north, the business centre owned and managed by East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Emma Furness, one of the founders of the firm, had to pitch to four "Dragons" and explain why her business, which gives healthy cooking lessons to young parents, toddlers, and local schools, needed the office to expand her business.

Coun Ron Bradney, economic champion at East Cambs District Council said: "We all know the difficult economic conditions which face small businesses at the moment, which is why the council were so keen to run this competition."

Firm's £1k community giveaway

ORGANISATIONS in Ely have the chance to share in a £1,000 community giveaway.

James Graven & Sons, which operates the BP/Budgens service station on Witchford Road, is operating a community chest scheme.

Applications are welcome from any small voluntary or community organisation, group or charity that is based in or works in the Ely area for the benefit of local people.

Jonathan James, owner of the Witchford Road site, said: "As a local family business, we wanted to give something back to the community on a regular basis.

"The community chest awards allows us to do just that, helping some very worthwhile organisations improve both facilities and the lives of residents in the community.

"We hope these awards allow local groups and organisations the chance to access funding which might otherwise be difficult to obtain."

Application forms can be collected from the service station or downloaded from *www.jamesgraven.com*

The deadline for applications is Wednesday, December 31.

For more information email *sarahs@jamesgraven.com*

Late shopping

BARGAIN hunters in Ely can take advantage of late night shopping with several stores open until 8pm today.

There will also be festive music provided by the City of Ely Band from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Tracey Harding, tourism and town centres team leader at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "With the Christmas lights creating a really festive spirit throughout the city, it is only natural our shops should join in the seasonal fun and open late."

Stan Taylor, chairman of the Ely Chamber of Commerce, said: "This will give businesses the chance to boost trade and shoppers the chance to complete their Christmas shopping locally."

Lots to buy

CERAMICS and collectables will vie for attention with jewellery and silver at an auction in Ely on Saturday.

The Rowley Fine Art antique and general auction takes place at Downham Road from 10.30am.

Viewing of the lots will be held from 9am to 7pm tomorrow. For more information call (01353) 653020.

Meet Santa

FATHER Christmas is coming to Ely.

Sue Ryder Care is holding its Christmas Extravaganza on Saturday, between 11am and 5pm at the Cathedral Centre and Palace Green.

Entry is free, with a cost of £2 to meet Father Christmas.

For more information, call (01353) 663357.

Sounds tasty

A RECIPE for cooking eels comes as a bonus on the second CD released by the Eel Pie folk band.

The CD, titled A Second Helping of Eel Pie, has eight songs and 10 sets of traditional folk tunes from the group whose members are from the Ely and Sutton area.

It costs £10 but it can be bought along with the band's first disc, A Helping of Eel Pie, for just £15.

For more details call (01353) 778655 or visit *www.eelpiefolk.org*

Babylon will be back in 2009

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"I'm relieved and delighted to hear the Babylon Gallery is reopening.

"I was aware there was a lot of behind-the-scenes activity with councillors from all parties working together to make this happen.

"I hope they will now secure the long-term future of this cultural asset so that it can never again be threatened with closure. With 26,000 visitors last year it is too important for Ely's economy to lose."

Anyone interested in volunteering at the gallery can call (01353) 616991.

MEP to raise climate concerns in Brussels

CLIMATE change has led a politician and church leaders to unite to express their concerns in Brussels.

The Rev Nigel Cooper of Isleham and church members collected bundles of Christian Aid petition cards from across Cambridgeshire calling on their MEP, Richard Howitt, to raise their concerns in the European Parliament ahead of a vote on a new climate package.

Mr Howitt visited the historic grounds of Isleham's St Andrew's Church to receive the cards personally and will take their call to reduce carbon emissions back to Brussels.

Mr Howitt said: "Climate change is an issue that affects us all, whether it be rising sea levels causing flooding on our coastline or the rising cost of our fuel bills.

"If we want to protect the planet for our children's future it is vital we do all we can both locally in Cambridgeshire and across Europe to combat this climate chaos.

"I will be taking these local voices and climate change concerns back with me to Brussels."

■ **TAKING ACTION** . . . with some of the petition cards, from left, the Rev Nigel Cooper, Bridget News-Cooper, Christian Aid co-ordinator for the Three Rivers group of churches, Richard Howitt MEP and Nigel Carver, Isleham church warden. CP.

Carol concert raises funds for TCT appeal

MUSIC lovers can enjoy a Christmas concert that will help boost the £1 million Teenage Cancer Trust (TCT) appeal by our sister paper the *Cambridge News*.

Ely Cathedral will host *A Festival of Carols* with the girls and men of the cathedral choir performing well-known Christmas music.

There will also be a variety of seasonal readings and poems. Among the readers will be teenager Harriet Eldridge, who has been treated for cancer at Addenbrooke's Hospital, where the new TCT unit will be built.

Comedian Rory McGrath will also be reading at the concert which starts at 7pm tomorrow.

Tickets cost from £10 to £50 and can be booked by calling (01353) 660349. Proceeds will go to the appeal and Ely Cathedral Trust.

Student's night of music to fund course

A TALENTED young musician is staging a chilled out night of music in Ely to fund her studies in London.

Kimberley Newell, of Barway, has started a three-year musical theatre course at the Arts Educational School.

The 19-year-old, a former student at City of Ely Community College, Soham Village College and the Lane Academy, hopes to raise money towards her course which costs more than £10,000 a year.

The show starts at 7pm at the Paradise Sports Club on Sunday and will mainly feature jazz and funk. Tickets on the door cost £5 for adults and £3 for children.

Government 'must get Mereham plan dropped'

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COUNCILLORS are calling on the Government to get Mereham dropped from a list of possible new developments.

Campaigners had thought they had seen the last of the controversial plan after Secretary of State for Communities, Hazel Blears announced she had rejected it in August.

However, plans for the town on the A10 between Stretham and Wilburton have now been included on a list of possible developments which could go forward as part of a revised blueprint for housing up to 2031 after the East of England Regional Assembly (EERA) asked developers to tell them of any proposals they would be bringing forward.

Now Cllr Bill Hunt, who represents Haddenham and led the Say No to Mereham campaign, has persuaded Cambridgeshire County Council to back calls to have the proposal scrapped.

Cllr Hunt said: "Imagine what residents felt when they found out what had been going on at EERA – an unelected body establish by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. It had been out asking developers if there was anything more they wanted building and of course the smash and grab raid which is Mereham was thrown into the pot again.

"Can you imagine the shock people in East Cambridgeshire and Cottenham, Histon and Milton felt when they found out EERA hadn't rejected the proposal which they should have done because it was rejected by the Secretary of State and one of the grounds was locational?"

A motion passed by 49 members of the council has called on its leader Cllr Jill Tuck to write to the Government and ask it to request EERA removes Mereham from the list and amend planning rules to deter developers from submitting proposals similar to those already rejected through the regional spatial strategy process.

The motion said: "The council is concerned that, contrary to EERA's own guidance on submissions, EERA feels obliged to consider it. Continuation of the proposal will inevitably incur substantial costs and will oblige the council to expend considerable further time and effort assessing Mereham as a location for future major housing growth and will further perpetuate the anxiety raised within the community."

Cllr David Jenkins, leader of the opposition Liberal Democrats, said: "There is broad support for this in this chamber."

Good news at Christmas

THE magic and meaning of Christmas are explored in a multimedia event.

More to Christmas comes to Haddenham as part of a nationwide tour on Saturday at 7pm.

The event is brought to the village by Viz-A-Viz and includes an amusing theatre performance of the Christmas story and its relevance today.

Mike Simmonds, presenter of the event, said: "*More to Christmas* is both magical and meaningful. As well as being entertaining it will help in understanding the message that lies behind familiar stories and events of the first Christmas."

The Rev Jim Mullin, local organiser, said: "We've invited Viz-A-Viz to present *More to Christmas* in Haddenham at Holy Trinity Church because we believe the message of Christmas is really good news.

"We would like people in the area to have the opportunity to hear it."

Tickets are £4 or £10 for a family ticket. For details call Mr Mullin on (01353) 740206.

Fun at panto

THE pantomime season gets into full swing this week with the Wilburton Theatre Group's presentation of *Mother Goose*.

It takes place at St Peter's Hall each evening at 7.30pm tonight, tomorrow and Saturday, with a matinee on the final day at 2.30pm.

Tickets cost £6 for adults and £4 for the under-16s and over-60s. To book, call Wilburton post office on (01353) 740321. Tickets on the door will cost £7, with no concessionary prices.

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Festive shopping extravaganza

LAST-MINUTE shoppers can find the ideal gifts at the special Christmas market in Ely.

On Tuesday, December 23, there will be a combined farmers' and general market from 8am to 3pm, so shoppers can choose from unique collectables and handmade crafts.

The City of Ely Band will be providing a seasonal musical accompaniment in the morning and festive entertainment will keep children amused during the afternoon.

Phil Burbidge, market supervisor at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "To help people get the last-minute presents we are combining our award-winning farmers' and general markets to create a mega Christmas shopping extravaganza.

"Along with the wide variety of stalls with great present ideas, there will be a range of entertainment to keep those who don't find shopping the most exciting thing to do.

"We hope lots of people will come along and possibly find that little something you can't get in your High Street shop."

There will not be a market on Christmas Day or New Year's Day and the Saturday market on December 27 is cancelled.

The market calendar starts with a general, craft and collectable market on Saturday, January 3. The afternoon will be rounded off with a traditional wassail cup.

Market expansion plan on the cards

Council to review growth

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A THRIVING market is planning to beat the impending recession with expansion plans.

Ely's city centre market could see extra pitches added and go beyond its current Thursday and Saturday operation with themed markets on different days.

An outline business case on expansion for the market, which currently has around 40 stalls on a Saturday, has been put forward by East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The council's report said expansion could bring more visitors to Ely, "increase the visitor experience" for both residents and tourists, and "increase vitality of Market Place".

Andy Palmer, who has worked on Palmer's fruit stall on Ely market for 30 years, backed the plans and said the market is doing well.

He added: "Ely has held up very well with the recession. Ely's a friendly sort of market and it's a friendly place. It wouldn't hurt to expand the market a bit, probably on a Saturday, when they probably need a few more stalls on the farmer's market side."

Mr Palmer said the council provides an excellent market "toby" – or organiser – in Phil Burbridge.

Tracey Harding, the council's team leader for tourism and the town centre, said: "We have always had a thriving market in Ely and we want to build on that.

"We see around six enquiries a month for people wanting to get onto our markets – that shows there is a lot of interest.

"We know the peak day for coach drop-offs is Thursday already, with visitors coming to look at the market. Perhaps markets in their own towns aren't doing as well."

The council report notes that: "Market pitch occupancy has reached maximum levels with no further growth potential unless more pitches can be made available on Saturday and Thursday, or we develop more specialist/themed markets on other days of the week.

"A review will be undertaken on the opportunities for growth for implementation in 2009/10."

■ MAKING A DIFFERENCE . . . cyclist Patsy Ryan with Becky Cawdry, CamSight fundraiser, and the £600 cheque. CP.

Pedal power boosts charity

A KEEN cyclist raised £600 for charity by taking part in a gruelling week-long ride.

Patsy Ryan, from Ely, spent the week cycling in County Clare to raise the money for CamSight, which is based in Green End Road, Cambridge, and relies on public donations to keep going.

The money will be spent on improving computer access for blind and visually impaired people.

She said: "It was a fantastic place to ride, although it was very wet, cold and windy.

"I decided to raise funds for CamSight after a visit when I needed advice on adjustments to computers for people with visual problems in the office.

"These made an enormous difference and have helped employees working from home.

"The staff at the resource centre were most welcoming and I spent some time with an IT trainer who made it all look so easy."

Anne Streather, chief executive of CamSight said: "We are enormously grateful to Patsy for her fantastic achievement.

"This generous donation will make a real difference."

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Deaths

BROOKS. Beverley (Bev), of St Matthews Street, Cambridge, peacefully at home, on Thursday, December 4th, 2008, aged 48 years. Deeply loved by her partner Anna, much loved and missed by her father John, stepmother Barbara, sister Mandy, stepsister Kim and 'partner in crime' Helen. Devoted friend to many. Funeral service at 12.45pm, on Friday, December 12th, in the West Chapel, at Cambridge City Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but donations made payable to ME Research UK, would be welcomed and may be sent c/o Cambridge Funeral Services Ltd, 617 Newmarket Road, Cambridge. CB5 8PA. Tel: 01223 415255.

MITCHELL. William, died peacefully in Addenbrooke's Hospital, after a short illness, on Monday, December 1st, 2008, aged 94 years. Husband of the late Florence, father of Peter and Robert, father-in-law of Jean and Ruth, brother of Win and a dear grandad and great-grandad. Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium, East Chapel, on Wednesday, December 17th, at 10.45am, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Vigor's Church, Fulbourn, at 2.15pm, refreshments will be available after this service. Flowers or if wished, donations for Home Close Comfort Fund and Chaplin's Close Community Centre, in thanks for the support they gave to William, may be sent c/o H J Paintin Ltd, 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge. CB21 4HS.

PEARSE. Evelyn Mary, passed away peacefully, on Sunday, November 30th, 2008, aged 85 years. Dearly loved mother of Linda, Jenny and Andrea, mother-in-law to Dave, John and Trevor, nan to Mark, Paul, Ian and Karen, and great-nan to Aiden, Lauryn and Max. Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel, on Thursday, December 11th, at 1.30pm. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations made payable to Cancer Research, may be sent to Co-operative Funeralcare, 34 James Street, Cambridge. CB1 1HX.

TERRY. Nicholas John Terry, of Thriplow, Cambridgeshire, died on Sunday, November 30th, 2008, aged 61 years. A much loved husband of Dorothy, father of Alexandra and father-in-law of Paul, a well respected member of the architectural profession. Funeral service took place at St George's Parish Church, Thriplow, on Tuesday, December 9th, at 12.30pm, followed by interment in the churchyard. If desired, donations made payable for Sawston District Nurses to R Skeates Funeral directors, 45 Moorfield Road, Duxford, Cambridge. CB22 4PP. Tel: 01223 833463.

Acknowledgements

BURGESS. The family of the late Mary Burgess, would like to thank all friends and neighbours for the kind messages of sympathy and condolence received during this recent sad bereavement. Thank you also to all who attended the funeral service and to those who made donations in Mary's memory to Cancer Research UK. Kindly accept this as our only acknowledgement.

HOWE. Michael and family of the late Shirley, sincerely thank all those who attended her funeral in October, sent messages of condolence and gave donations for West Anglia Crossroads, which amounted to over £1,700. We have been overwhelmed by the level of support received during these difficult weeks.

Acknowledgements

RICHARDS. Michael, Teri, Vanessa, Jon, would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended Marion's funeral service at St Marks Church, giving such comfort and support to all the family. Thank you also for the wonderful cards and messages of sympathy, which have been greatly appreciated at this difficult time. We also wish to thank Rev'd Canon Dr Maggie Guite and Johnathon Burrough for their care and contribution to the special service. Thank you also for the generous donations to Arthur Rank Hospice and Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust and to Richard Stebbings Funeral Directors.

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I will not miss this post office which refused to sell stamps

Sir, Perhaps Councillor Jeremy Friend – Smith should see for himself what sort of service is provided at St John's Road post office before he passes judgment, even though footwork may be contrary to his political principles (Would one post office be able to cope? *Ely Weekly News* letters, December 4)

On two recent occasions I have gone to St John's post office.

On the first occasion around midday I found it closed. Both counter assistants take the same one-hour lunch break!

On the second occasion, having ascertained the postage I needed for a European package via the Royal Mail website but having no stamps, I went to buy the 94p postage stamps required. There was a queue while a long transaction was in progress at the counter. The second assistant was doing some paperwork. When the queue was outside the door one man went to the counter, presumably to ask why the assistant could not serve the customers and leave the paperwork until a slack period. I did not hear the reply but the man walked out.

When my turn came the assistant confirmed the amount due and sold me the stamps. When I asked for further loose stamps to avoid this experience again the assistant said that she was not selling me loose stamps. I was flabbergasted to find a post office that did not sell stamps and, not wishing to make it worse for the people behind me, I left rather than seek an explanation.

Later the same day in the High Street post office the attitude could not be more different. The assistant there was pleased to sell me stamps with a smile.

I will not miss St John's Road post office, simply because I will not be using until it closes.

Geoffrey W Griffiths
Bohemond Street
Ely

Was guiltless Attila nobbled by the wicked press barons?

Sir, **Mike Penberth's letter (*Ely Weekly News*, November 27) defended Attila the Hun's poor reputation.**

A study of recent ancient Sanskrit printouts suggest Attila, together with many others such as Nero and Caligula, may well have been persons of impeccable reputation guilty of nothing worse than offending the notoriously thin-skinned press barons of their day who were the movers, shakers, mischief makers eager to hog historical headlines, making today's spin doctors look like choir boys and elbowing the competition aside with besmirched reputations.

For instance, one Genghis Cohen rubbed them up the wrong way, getting himself the more sinister label Genghis Khan, together with an unsavoury reputation, when in fact he was no worse than one of our "world citizen" gap year students – although some may think that's bad enough.

There's further translational evidence from the Sanskrit that Vlad the Impaler did nothing worse than pick his teeth carelessly in front or an egomaniac press baron during a promotional bacchanalia.

Mr Penberth might have been the cause of scholars re-visiting these historic calumnies. More strength to him, persons like him, and the Sanskrit translation data release.

Mr A Lockwood
Meadowcroft
Stretham

Special visitor at Christmas fair

SANTA will be in his grotto at the Isleham Under Fives Association's Christmas Fair on Saturday.

It takes place from noon to 4pm at St Andrew's Social Centre. The fair includes a Christmas market of handmade crafts and gifts, festive food, mulled wine and a barbecue.

Entrance is free for children and £1.50 for adults and the price includes a drink and a mince pie.

MEMORY LANE

Where and when?

■ THIS week's photograph, from our archives, shows local workers dealing with a seasonal peak of activity.

Do you know where and when the photograph was taken? What was the occasion and do you recognise anyone?

Send your answers to: Memory Lane, *Ely Weekly News*, 27 Market Place, Ely, CB7 4NP by Tuesday morning.

Picture: 520794.

■ LAST week's photograph, from our archives, showed singers taking part in a Victorian Evening in Littleport in December 1990. Peggy Mayle, of Ely, contacted us to say that our Memory Lane picture of November 27 showed the opening of Ely's Tesco store in 1969 and that the lady with singer Vince Hill was Elizabeth Wilkin, of High Barns, Ely.

Picture: 522812.

■ BRILLIANT . . .staff and children at Busy Fingers Pre-School celebrate their outstanding Ofsted report. Picture: Alex Weatherill 522666.

School gets glowing report from Ofsted inspectors

IT is smiles all round for youngsters, staff and parents at a successful pre-school at the moment.

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Everything from leadership to safety to enthusiasm at the pre-school, which is run by a voluntary management committee, has been marked as outstanding.

Amanda Newman, the pre-school's manager, said: "We are truly celebrating such a great success.

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A further three in Ely have been given four stars and a toilet in Burwell has been awarded three.

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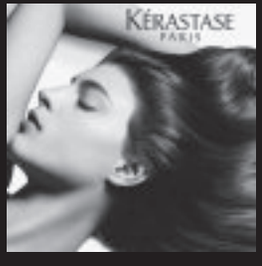

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Low settlement will 'damage services'

BY John Morgan
Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

A FRUSTRATED council leader is asking why the Government is leaving his "value for money" council to fend for itself while handing billions to banks after their "gambles backfired".

Cllr Fred Brown, leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council, says essential services could be damaged after it was announced the authority will be given an increase of just 0.81 per cent in state funding next year.

The council says this is an increase of only £53,668 – or 65p per person.

Cllr Brown said: "We weren't expecting much from our grant settlement and we were right to be so pessimistic.

"It is ironic that at a time when the Government feels compelled to pump billions of pounds into banks because their gambles backfired, authorities who have striven to give real value for money are left to pretty much fend for themselves.

■ VALUE FOR MONEY . . . Cllr Fred Brown.

"This council has over the years made significant efficiency savings, which has led councillors to have to make very difficult decisions."

He added: "There is a real danger essential services will be damaged by a Government which clearly does not understand what the world outside Westminster looks like.

"It is time they recognised good practice and those authorities that implement the schemes and projects which are demanded of them."

The reasons for the low settlement revolve around Council Tax collection and population, the council says. It argues that estimates on tax yield are too high, and at the same time population estimates have been revised downwards, hitting the grant.

Cllr Brown said: "I think ministers need to realise that the services which we provide to our residents are just as important as ensuring we have a strong financial sector.

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The family-run business, which consists of 406 hectares of arable crops including wheat and sugar beet, impressed the judges following farmer Clem Tompsett's dedication in enhancing the land's natural landscape.

This included the planting of woods in the 1970s and the addition of two winter storage reservoirs, which have been stocked with fish and are now visited by flocks of water birds.

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Search begins for region's best community magazines

BY Chris Elliott

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JOURNALISTS producing Mid-Anglia's community magazines are hoping to hit the headlines themselves in the new year.

The search has begun to find the region's best Village and Community Magazine for 2008, and editors of local publications are being invited to send in their entry.

The award scheme, backed by our sister paper, the *Cambridge News*, and run by Cambridge Building Society, has been running for 11 years.

The aim is to recognise the commitment of the people involved in producing local magazines and newsletters for the community, many of whom are volunteers working in their own time.

There are two categories – small community and large community – and the winning magazine in each category will receive a £500 cash prize, a winner's trophy, and will be able to use the award winner's logo in their magazine.

A second prize of £250 will go to each runner-up.

■ SUCCESS . . . winners and runners up of last year's search for best community magazines and newsletters. Picture: Keith Heppell 397293.

There will also be an award for the most improved magazine, and the most promising newcomer, as well as a number of highly commended certificates.

Julie Potter, marketing assistant for the building society, said: "For all the awards, the judges will look at features such as front cover design, distribution, editorial quality, business commitment, community content, presentation and how much useful local information they contain."

Entry forms are also available in all branches of the Cambridge Building Society, and the closing date for entries is January 31 2009.

Entries should be sent to Cambridge Building Society's head office administration centre, 51 Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8FF or to any of its branches in and around the Cambridge area – details are available at *www.cambridgebs.co.uk*

The award winners will be unveiled in March.

Union attacks axing of TV jobs

A TRADE union leader has condemned plans to axe jobs at Anglia News.

About 30 posts – a third of its workforce – are being cut in a national plan by ITV to save £40 million a year by axing more than 400 posts across its regional news service.

David Beake, of the National Union of Journalists' (NUJ) national executive, said: "ITV Anglia's mass sacking of its staff is disgraceful.

"It has broken its commitment to its staff, its commitments to the region, and its freely entered into commitments to public service broadcasting."

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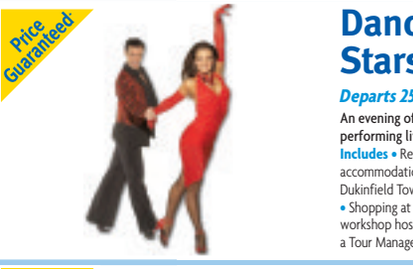

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Bid to build city running track

BY John Morgan
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BUDDING Olympians and keep-fit enthusiasts could find themselves pounding around a running track specially built for East Cambridgeshire.

East Cambridgeshire District Council will give £4,000 to Strategic Leisure Ltd to carry out an independent report assessing the need, potential location, cost and management options for an all-weather running track in Ely.

A running track was identified as a priority as long ago as 2006, when a consultation exercise was undertaken by the City of Ely Council for the Mayor's Olympic Initiative.

The scheme was initially proposed by Ely Runners and is also backed by the King's School.

Ely's mayor, Cllr Sheila Friend-Smith, inherited the initiative when she took office. She said: "It is a very important development for local people and we don't want to wait for the leisure centre, necessarily.

"There is a new athletics club [the Ely Athletics Club] and there is Ely Runners. There are a lot athletes really interested in this happening.

"We feel this is one of the benefits we should get ahead of the Olympics."

Cllr Friend-Smith added that a track must be "accessible to everyone in the district".

The report is billed as a way of helping "inform the Working Party on the feasibility and opportunities for athletics and running track provision in the district".

The district council has contributed cash as it believes "any investment in athletics will serve the whole of the district".

Six of the best for Ely Rotary Club

■ WELCOME . . . President Mike Copping greets Jacqueline Whipp, the newest member of Ely Rotary Club. CP.

ANOTHER new female member has been inducted into Ely Rotary Club, the sixth since women were formally invited to join.

This brings total membership to 41.

Jacqueline Whipp has lived in Soham for 23 years, and was the manager of her family's local veterinary business. Since the business was sold she has been a personal and business coach. Husband Chris is a member of Soham Staploe Rotary Club, where he is a past president. Jacqueline herself has been involved with Inner Wheel, being at times district chair, treasurer and editor. She is also a trustee of MAGPAS.

To find out more about the club go to the website *www.elyrotary.co.uk*

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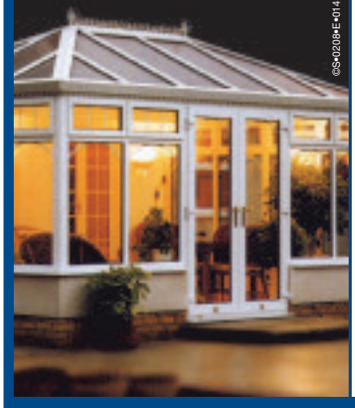
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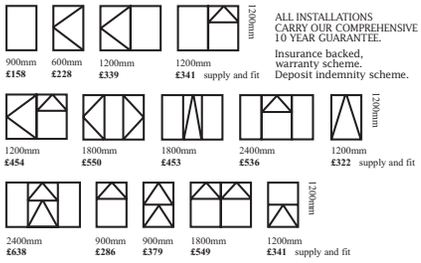

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Ex-PoWs 'deserve an apology from Japan'

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A JAPANESE professor who lectures on her country's role in the Second World War says Cambridgeshire's former prisoners of war deserve a full apology for the way they were treated.

Prof Tomoyo Nakao, who teaches at Okayama University in Japan, has interviewed many ex-prisoners about the cruelty they suffered at the hands of her countrymen.

Many hundreds of men from the Cambridgeshire Regiment were locked up by the Japanese army in Singapore prison camps in the early 1940s, and were beaten, starved and forced to work as slaves building the Burma railway.

Last week, some of the surviving veterans spoke about how they had never received a "proper" apology from the Japanese government or Japan's emperor – and claimed they probably would never get one.

■ AT WAR . . . British officers on their way to surrender at Singapore on February 15, 1942. Inset, a drawing of the prisoners' captors on the Thai-Burma Railway in 1945, by former *Cambridge News* cartoonist Ronald Searle.

Prof Nakao, who has visited Cambridge to speak to former prisoners and has written a book about the issue of reconciliation, said: "There are young ones as well as veterans who are concerned.

"I teach my students about the PoW issue, and I quite agree that the PoWs have not been given proper words of apology.

"I have just published a book about the failure of post-war Japan-Anglo reconciliation, in which I tried to explain why those Japanese 'apologies' issued by our prime ministers and emperor were not sufficient, and did not work, in spite of the fact that the Japanese are made to believe – by some books and in the media – that they were successful."

She added: "One of my students told me that after we discussed the issue in class, she had come to understand the importance and weight of the word of apology.

"She said to me: 'I do believe that we need to apologise, and that we know what we are apologising for.'

"It sounds easy but I know it is difficult. However, it is most necessary to do so. And it is important that we do not simply issue an apology, but that we make an effort to obtain forgiveness in the real sense of the word."

Prof Nakao said: "In Japan, many are made to believe that reconciliation has been achieved, and that the PoWs are now satisfied. For me, that is hard to believe."

She is a member of the International Oral History Association and has just started a website focusing on dialogue between the UK and Japan – *http://powow.asia*

Ex-prisoners 'should forgive and forget'

VETERAN Len Baynes has urged fellow ex-prisoners to "forgive and forget" the Japanese atrocities of the war.

Mr Baynes, who will be 90 in February, was an inmate of the notorious Changi prison camp, and was forced to work in the jungle on the Burma railway, which claimed the lives of thousands of British captives.

He said: "We are a Christian country, and we should forgive and forget. I myself try to do so, and I have even welcomed Japanese people to my home."

In a letter to our sister paper, the *Cambridge News*, he said: "I regret that some of my fellow ex-Japanese PoWs are still trying to keep alive the resentment of 60-odd years ago.

"They forget that we here live in glass houses. My father remembered the Boer War, when our own atrocities exceeded those of the Japanese, a little over a century ago. The British fancied that land of minerals such as gold and diamonds, occupied only by Dutch farmers who had no army. We sent a few regiments of our 'invincible' soldiers, in their resplendent scarlet uniforms, to occupy the land of South Africa.

"We invented concentration camps, where we incarcerated the women and children, and many thousands of them died through malnutrition and disease.

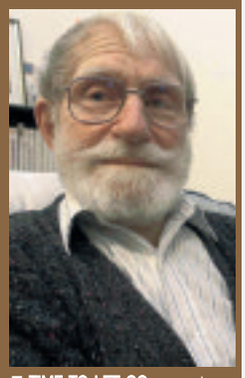
"Did the Dutch hold this against us? No; they fought alongside of us against the Germans in two world wars.

"Did any of our monarchs ever say 'Sorry'? Not that I know of.

"Did we pay the Boers any compensation? No.

"The Japanese culture in those days was violent, but the war changed it.

"They are now mostly a delightful folk to know."



■ TIME TO LET GO . . . veteran Len Baynes says it is time to move on.

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In Cambridgeshire analysis has shown that food waste makes up 37% (the largest proportion) of the waste we throw away with the rubbish collected from our homes and sent to landfill.

Research suggests that about 40% (by weight) of the food thrown away that could have been eaten is fresh fruit & vegetables. Sadly, we could fill 12 double-decker buses with the whole apples we throw away every day in the UK. One of the main reasons people throw out so much fruit is that is has 'gone off' in the fruit bowl.

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ALL too often, parents spend a fortune on toys that are a hit on Christmas Day – and are never played with again.

In fact, new research has found that 14 per cent of parents say certain toys were played with only on Christmas Day last year, a further 40 per cent were played with just a few times, and 17 per cent just once every couple of months.

The main reasons parents gave for such toy neglect were that their child got easily bored with the toy (43 per cent), or there were limited things they could do with it (34 per cent).

The top neglected toys last Christmas were puzzles (21 per cent), cuddly toys (14 per cent), computer consoles and games (13 per cent), the latest gadget (11 per cent), and dolls or action figures (11 per cent).

The research, commissioned by Lego UK, suggests that neglected toys cost UK parents and gift givers a total of £75 million a year.

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But how can parents avoid wasting money on toys which will be no more than a one-day wonder?

Lego asked parents what makes their child play with some toys rather than others, and nearly a third said toys that fared best were those that allowed children to use their imagination.

Other well-used toys were those that grabbed children's attention (21 per cent), interactive products (19 per cent), and toys that could be played with in different ways (17 per cent).

Such toys, including creative sets, dressing up outfits, construction sets and musical toys, were shown in the research to be the gifts least likely to be neglected.

"This research shows that the toys which draw on the imagination and encourage creativity are most likely to be played with again and again," says Pat Broadhead, professor of playful learning at Leeds Metropolitan University.

"Toys like Lego bricks and dressing up materials offer unlimited possibilities to children, allowing them to let their imaginations flow freely.

"This kind of creative play can be extremely beneficial in helping children to develop."

But while creative toys may help children's development, they're not necessarily what they want for Christmas.

Certainly, the only official prediction of Christmas bestselling toys – the Toy Retailers Association Dream Toys Top 12 list – doesn't include many creative toys.

Instead, there's a tendency towards music, film and TV-inspired toys, like the Star Wars Clone Trooper Voice Changer mask, the High School Musical 3 Musical Dance Mat and the Ben 10 Deluxe Omnitrix, a wrist-strapped device packed with lights, sounds, game play and full-screen characters.

The Omnitrix contains "no creativity whatsoever", says Gary Grant, chairman of the Toy Retailers Association (TRA), but is valuable as a toy because children lose themselves in an imaginary world when they play with it.

"That in itself is an important part of growing up and playing," Grant says.

"Different toys have different uses, and I would say that the majority of toys in the Top 12 list are very likely to be toys that will continue to be played with long after Christmas has gone."

"It's hard to say no sometimes," says Lucy Edington, acting chief executive of the parenting charity Parentline Plus.

"But it's so important to budget and work out what you can reasonably afford, and not feel under pressure to spend, spend, spend and get into debt."

The charity has drawn up a list of beating pester power tips for parents, including:

■ Don't feel guilty for not having a bottomless purse. It helps to be honest and explain what you think is value for money and affordable.

■ Don't say yes unless you mean it – if you're put on the spot, tell them you'll think about it.

■ Help them to see they can't have everything they want, and ask them to list presents in order of preference with a limit of five.

■ Try to get someone to look after the kids when you go Christmas shopping.

■ When you say no, mean it – if your kids know that you'll eventually cave in, they'll keep nagging.

■ Agree tactics with your partner or ex, and stick to them.

■ When you say no, it may help to talk to your child about why – but be firm so you don't end up haggling with them.

■ Look for a compromise, like sharing the cost, combining birthday and Christmas presents, or the family clubbing together for something expensive rather than buying individual presents.

Remember that children change their minds every week with new crazes.

"Parents shouldn't feel that they have to buy the latest expensive toy for their child," warns Edington.

■ CHRISTMAS . . . it's not that difficult to avoid being self-indulgent.

"Some toys are more gimmicky than others, and it can be very upsetting to see the toy you've spent so much money on being cast aside and rarely or never played with again.

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Karen says: "Some people have their size spot on but others are in the wrong size and are always very pleased when they are fitted into the correct size bra. Your size may change between different brands so it's always best to be measured when you are buying a new bra."

If you are planning on buying underwear for your partner then Karen recommends finding out what size and brand they wear the most. "As long as they've done their homework they can't really go wrong," says Karen. "If they know what size they wear the most then we can advise and if they're really not sure then our gift vouchers are a great idea.

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Pick a tree and make a festive statement

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The price of the popular non-drop Nordmann Fir, imported from Denmark, is likely to be higher than ever this year, thanks to the pound's weak performance against the euro and the Danish krone.

The British Christmas Tree Grower's Association is advising hard-pressed families to opt for different varieties or smaller trees to save money, and buy as close as possible to source.

Expect to pay between £30 and £45 for a 6ft Nordmann. Association secretary Roger Hay is advising those on a tight budget to go for a home-grown Scots pine or Lodgepole pine, which should be widely available and are likely to cost around £10 less than the same size of Nordmann fir.

"These trees don't drop their needles and are bushier and have much fuller branches than the Nordmann," he adds. "You might even get cones on them. They also have a strong fragrance."

Before buying your tree, measure the space you are allocating it indoors, considering both height and spread to ensure a good fit. And leave it till the last minute to buy a tree, particularly if you are opting for a spruce, which will drop its needles quicker than other types.

Once you have chosen the type of tree you want, the next question is: Should you buy a cut tree, a container-grown one or a potted one?

Which? Gardening, the Consumers' Association magazine, trialled cut, container-grown and potted Nordmann fir and Norway spruce last year as soon as they arrived in the garden centres in late November.

Researchers kept them in the office and watered and monitored them regularly for needle drop. After three weeks they tipped the potted and container-grown trees out and examined what roots they had.

They found that the potted trees looked dull and lifeless after three weeks and the Norway spruce had lost most of its needles. Potted (containerised) trees are often planted in containers too small for the tree, making them difficult to water and look after, the magazine warns, and advises they are best avoided.

Container-grown Christmas trees, which have spent their lives in a pot and are the most expensive option, performed best overall in the trial, looking healthy right to the end. They can survive well outside after Christmas and are a good investment if you want to keep a tree in the garden for two or three years.

Cut trees, sawn off at ground level and stood in a plastic stand with a water reservoir, performed almost as well as container-grown trees, but usually cost less. If you just want an ornamental tree, a cut tree is the cheapest option. Treat it like a large cut flower and don't forget to recycle it.

Ceri Thomas, editor of Which? Gardening, says: "If you only want your tree to last for one Christmas, don't bother spending money on a re-potted or container-grown tree. Instead, pick up a healthy cut tree from a reputable grower. These trees performed almost as well as a container grown tree, and could save you a few pounds."

So, how can you keep your chosen tree healthy?

■ Choose one with a good shape and if you opt for a cut tree, pick one that has at least 30cm of clear trunk at the base.

■ When you get it home, saw the bottom 3cm off the trunk of a cut tree and stand it in a bucket of water, somewhere cool. Clamp it securely into a stand with a water reservoir and top this up regularly. If the water disappears quickly, this is a good sign as it means the tree is absorbing it.

■ Stand trees in a cool part of the room, well away from radiators. A living tree will do best in a cool room, porch or conservatory, especially if you intend to keep it. Stand the pot of the living tree in a deep saucer and keep the saucer topped up with water.

■ Remember that Christmas trees prefer life outdoors – so leave it till the last minute to buy your tree and it should last you through the festive season.

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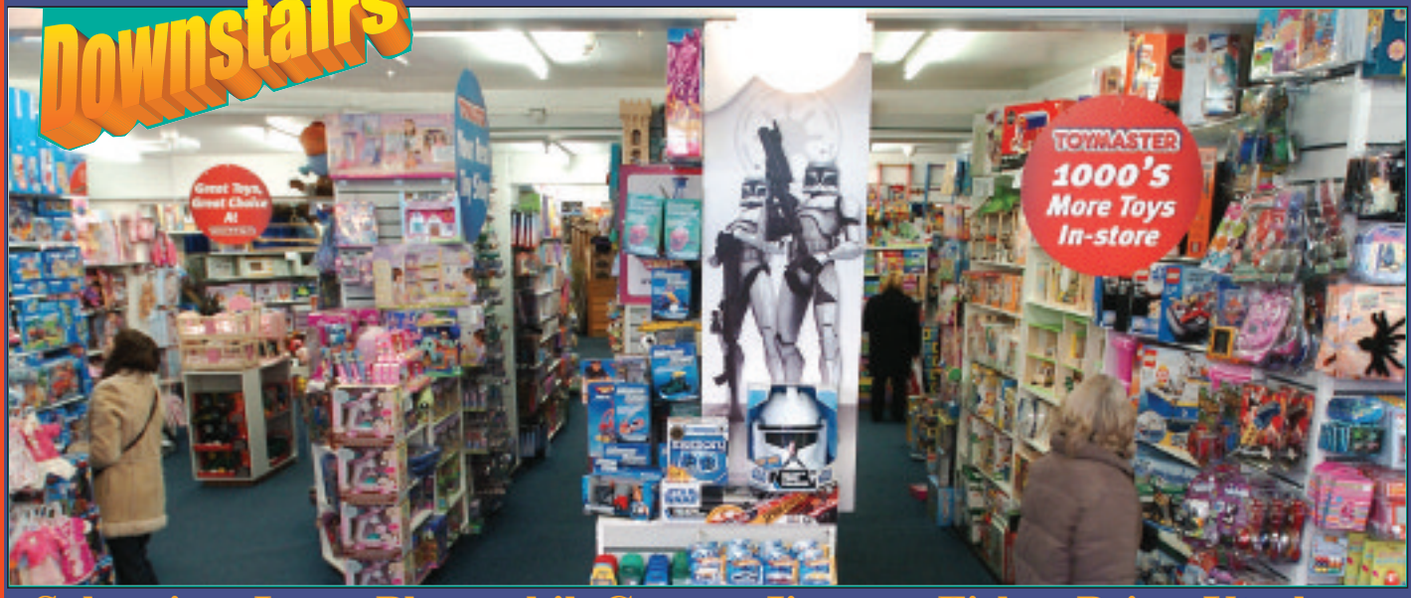

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A good time to ponder advantages of sobriety

IT'S the season to be merry – and when we assume partying MUST be partnered with drinking.

Even those who are generally sensible tipplers throughout the rest of the year seem to cast caution to the wind as the drink flows freely across the nation.

The number of pictures of the famous embarrassingly falling out of nightclubs seem to rise as fast as the temperature drops during the festivities.

But not all celebrities lead by bad example, and there's now a growing band favouring sobriety.

TV presenter Fearne Cotton has raved about the benefits of giving up alcohol, which she did earlier this year, while Konnie Huq, Catherine Tate, Natasha Kaplinsky and Gwyneth Paltrow are all teetotal.

In reality, most of us probably aren't either permanently stone cold sober or among those anti-social binge drinkers. But treading a fine line between being a party-pooper constantly saying 'no' to extra drinks or suffering the hazards of hangovers by saying 'yes' too often can be tough.

"It's particularly difficult during this season," agrees Dr Rachel Seabrook, research manager at the Institute of Alcohol Studies.

"There's so much pressure to drink because it's associated with 'having fun'.

However, it's a good time to take stock of your drinking levels, recognise you may be tempted to drink more and try and set a sensible personal limit and stick to it."

She points out that excessive drinking damages the liver, and the symptoms may not be apparent until it is too late.

"Women should bear in mind they are able to tolerate less alcohol than men.

Also many women drink wine and unlike pints this can be served in varying sizes of glasses, which makes it hard to recognise how much they've consumed.

"A glass holding 250ml can amount to around three units – the equivalent of a woman's maximum alcohol intake for a day. Some glasses sold for personal use in supermarkets can hold as much as 440mls – that's considerably more than half a bottle of wine."

Recent research by Cardiff University found that 30 to 40-year-old women were more likely to abuse alcohol than other groups.

And Richard Hammersley, professor of health psychology at Glasgow Caledonian University believes that people tend to regard the 'safe' drinking limits as a drinking allowance rather, than the maximum limit on what they should drink.

"Most heavy drinking in the UK, especially female, isn't about being a drunken lout. A lot of it's done in 'civilised' situations like dinner parties or at restaurants," he says.

"It means people are less likely to recognise their drinking habits are putting their health at risk. Unfortunately binge drinking is such an emotive, negative phrase now that people don't listen to any advice on drinking at all.

"You can be damaging your health without doing anything anyone with common sense would describe as bingeing.

"Heavy episodic drinking can cause as much damage, and yet you may not get a hangover, misbehave or notice any ill effects."

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SAFE DRINKING LIMITS

■ Men should have no more than three to four units of alcohol per day (maximum of 21 units per week).

■ Women should have no more than two to three units of alcohol per day (max 14 units per week).

■ You can't save all of the units up until the weekend! Try not to drink alcohol every day – if you are a moderately heavy drinker give yourself a rest for at least a couple of days a week.

■ A guide to drinks: one pint of ordinary strength lager/cider/bitter: two units; one pint of strong lager: three units; one 175ml (medium) glass of red or white wine: around two units; one pub measure of spirits: one unit; one alcopop: one and a half units.

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Keeping it simple is what works

WE ALL want a cosy, cheerful home this Christmas to banish thoughts of the doom and gloom that's going on around us.

After all, there's nothing more appealing than a crackling fire, a beautifully garlanded mantel and a sparkling Christmas tree.

You're not alone though if, instead of thrilling to the task of transforming your home into a seasonal sanctuary, you secretly feel it's yet another drain on time and money.

Even those who specialise in style such as Chrissie Rucker, founder of The White Company, know it can be stressful.

"This is one time of year when we and our homes really come under pressure," she says.

"Whether we are having countless friends to stay or just arranging a festive family lunch, chances are that we'll be up to our ears in holly, baubles and all the trimmings, and then worrying about how to create that perfect Christmassy look!"

Chrissie's strategy could banish those seasonal nightmares. She keeps it simple by choosing a two-colour theme, not overdoing the decorations, and relying on the power of candlelight.

"This year I'm using strings of white fairy lights, silver, clear glass and white decorations," she says.

"And I use candles everywhere, whether little clusters of tea lights on a shelf or window ledge, or even a clear glass fish bowl with long white taper candles nestled into a base of white dishwasher salts.

"A room filled with flickering candlelight instantly feels softer, warmer and much more welcoming."

Chrissie's new book, How to Make Your House a Home, includes inspirational festive ideas. She says the trick is to have a small seasonal touch throughout – "whether it's a bunch of Christmas flowers – I love Snowberry, Amaryllis or delicate Freesia – or a collection of fir cones and baubles in a bowl on a shelf."

Follow Chrissie's recipe for magic rooms.

■ Make your home warm and inviting by lighting a real fire, or simply fill a grate or the top of the mantelpiece with a collection of sparkly candles for a festive focal point.

■ Pick a colour scheme for the decorations for rooms, and follow the same theme for the tree and the table.

■ Christmas baubles needn't just hang on a tree, spread them around the house or fill jars with them for ultimate effect.

■ Spray dried leaves or berries silver and scatter on a tabletop, or attach to wire and hang from a mantelpiece like bunting.

■ Don't ignore the decorating potential of prettily wrapped presents.

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Residents slam parking system

ELY residents unable to park free of charge because of the city's "backward" parking system are furious after councillors again failed to come up with a solution.

People currently have to move their car twice a day to avoid a £30 parking ticket and 90-minute parking restrictions in the city centre between 8am and 10am prevent residents from leaving their car anywhere free for a 24-hour period.

Residents, especially of Broad Street and Silver Street, are calling on special parking permits which would give them priority over commuters, shoppers and tourists.

But at an environment and transport committee meeting conservative councillors agreed to delay any decision until decriminalisation of parking has been decided on.

In Cambridge, parking tickets are issued by the city council but elsewhere, the police have the responsibility.

For the past five years,

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the county council and local authorities have been trying to make a decision on Ely's parking system, with frustrated residents having the support of the police.

Now councillors have set up a "decriminalisation working party" which will meet for at least six months, leaving residents waiting even longer for any changes to be made.

An angry Silver Street resident, who did not want to be named, said: "These councillors should be ashamed of themselves – so many residents cannot even park in their own city for free because of this ridiculous, backward system and once again we are left waiting."

The delayed decision comes after an expensive survey was recently carried out, in which residents admitted they would even pay up to £100 for a permit.

Locals are also up in arms after councillors voted to allow guest houses permanent business permits for guests to use.

Another resident, of Broad Street, said: "It seems that taxpayers like myself are given the raw deal. Our councillors need to listen to us and not drag their heels on the issue."

But Cllr Fred Brown, leader of the council, said it was a problem across the whole of East Cambridgeshire.

He said: "We need to look at the whole district and not just Ely.

"We do not want residents to be upset and feel that nothing is being done about parking as that is not the case.

"Changes need to be for the long term and I am positive that next year positive changes will be in place.

"We are in talks with the county council and any developments will be discussed at the next meeting."

The meeting also saw the city's Angel Drove park and ride scheme thrown out through lack of use, less than a year after it was launched.

Plan for six homes

SIX new houses could be built in Ely's Church Lane.

Salmon Brothers have applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to redevelop the site.

The proposal is to demolish the existing buildings and apply for a change of use for residential development comprising two pairs of two semi-detached dwellings to front onto Church Lane and two more to the rear.

Site bid

DEVELOPERS have submitted plans for eight new homes in Soham.

Murfet Developments Ltd is seeking planning permission from East Cambridgeshire District Council to develop the site to the north-east of 77 Paddock Street.

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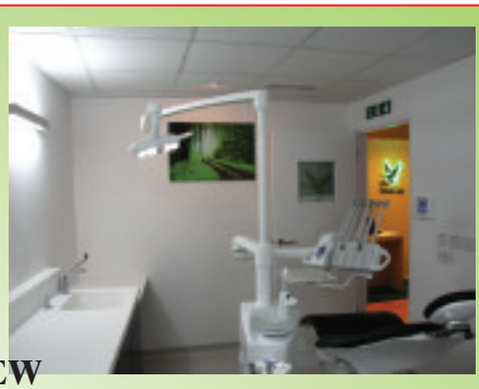

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Classical four

THE Collegium Laureatum choir will perform the works of four composers with a special connection at West Road Concert Hall on Saturday.
Ian Cobb will conduct performances of works by Johann Kuhnau, Sebastian Knüpfer, Johann Schelle and Johann Sebastian Bach. All the composers were active in Leipzig between the mid 17th and mid 18th centuries.
The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £9-£12. To book call (01223) 357851.

Two tales

TWO of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* will be staged at the Mumford Theatre in Cambridge on Thursday, December 18.
The show has been adapted into modern English by local actor and writer Dai Jenkins, who also performs in the show. The evening will feature Chaucer's rudest and most popular story, *The Miller's Tale,* and the darkly satirical *The Pardoner's Tale*.
The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £6-£8. To book call 0845 196 2320.

Charity show

THE Cambridge Concert Orchestra will present a charity concert at Impington Village College tomorrow.
It will feature light classical music as well as tunes from musicals. Money raised will go to CamTrust and Cambridge Rethink Carers' Group.
Tickets are £5-£6. It starts at 7.30pm.

A little animated comedy for all ages

PERRIER-nominated comedian Howard Read brings his six-year-old 3D animated sidekick Little Howard to the ADC Theatre in Cambridge for two shows on Thursday, December 18.
The afternoon show at 6pm sees Read, who recently entertained the Queen at the Royal Variety Performance, presenting the family show *Little Howard and the Magic Pencil of Life and Death*.
Then at 9.30pm the adults-only version of the show sees Little Howard contracting bird flu, and only the audience can save him. The show's unique human/cartoon double act mixes live animation and comedy and has sold out shows at the Edinburgh, Melbourne and Aspen comedy festivals. It will also soon be seen on Read's forthcoming 13-part CBBC series.
Tickets are £6-£8. To book call (01223) 300085 or visit the website *www.adctheatre.com*

Beautiful way to say farewell to the Beast

By Nik Shelton

AFTER nearly two years on the road, the stars of *Beauty and the Beast* will be saying a poignant farewell to the magical show when their tour finishes in Cambridge.

The spectacular stage version of the much-loved animated film will be the biggest show of the year at the Corn Exchange when it takes over the venue for three weeks this month.
For local performer Matthew Cammelle, who plays the Beast, and up-and-coming young stage star Ashley Oliver as Belle, it will be the last stop on a long tour and an emotional goodbye.

Both have been with the show since February last year and have taken it across the UK and as far afield as Greece and Malaysia.

"It's been such a dream," says Ashley. "For any actress it is such a gift of a show. I'm just so thrilled to be given the opportunity to play the part. Although I'm hanging up the dress at the end of the run in Cambridge it is a chapter of my life I'll never forget."

For Matthew, Cambridge is a fitting place to end his tenure as one of Disney's best-loved characters as he lives with his family in nearby Gamlingay.

"The hardest part for me is that I have a wife and two small children here," he says. "So it's been a tough two years being away on the road, although I've managed to get home most weekends.

"But on the other side the thing I love about touring is you get an opening night every two weeks, rather than when you're on the West End and you're stuck in town for a year at the same venue every night.

"*Beauty and the Beast* is an age old story, it's not just a Disney story. It's inbuilt into our psyche, the story of the monster with a heart of gold. Everyone can find something to love in it."

Beauty and the Beast opens tonight and runs until Sunday, January 4. Tickets are £22-£29.50. To book call (01223) 357851.

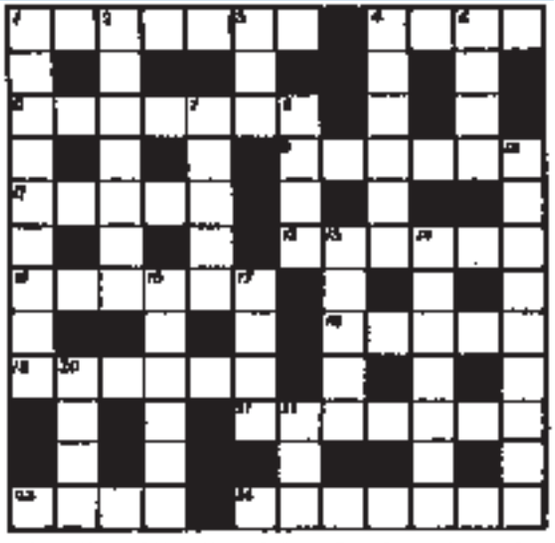
Crossword 2093

Across

1. Oy! Leaves the grotesque heads on churches and cleans the throats. (7)
4. Prepare gun to shoot bird. (4)
6. Unusually fair, can end up a continental. (7)
9. Journalist's outside, behind schedule, but in high spirits. (6)
11. Son competent to make fur coat? (5)
12. Public transport seen round university with a shock. (6)
15. Forcing to admit the excursion. (6)
18. Scene of conflict near a changing place. (5)
19. Each fish comes from part of London. (6)
21. Must, as a change, get some fruit. (7)
23. A second to accept doctor and old prophet. (4)
24. Following unsightly mark allow colour. (7)

Down

1. Pleased to be given jewel by old Prime Minister. (9)
2. Unusual to be given portion of dish. (7)
3. Are changes coming this time? (3)
4. Is girl able to go to the country? (6)
5. French priest could make one feel better. (4)
7. Wash the family around start of evening. (5)
8. Son caught in snare at home. (4)
10. Sketch a section, then back away. (4,5)
13. Tease cook. (5)
14. With some inopportune qualities, it's not the same. (7)
16. One has spots all over one, the fools. (6)
17. Starts to be sick at these jokes? (4)
20. A mother and father to all. (4)
22. Some circle a church member. (3)



■ **Solution to 2092 – Across:** 1 Port, 7 Pester, 8 Lent, 10 Ago, 11 Risking, 12 Goa, 13 Viper, 17 Bride, 19 Mop, 21 Radiate, 22 Tie, 23 Dram, 25 Settee, 26 Reno.
Down: 1 Paler, 2 Run, 3 Censor, 4 Striker, 5 Bragged, 6 Trojan, 9 Trip, 14 Impress, 15 Erudite, 16 Smites, 17 Blazer, 18 Iced, 20 Cameo, 24 Rye.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Spending time with your nearest and dearest broadens your horizons. You may develop an interest in a charitable cause because a friend's involved. Don't hesitate to join them on one of their missions. You have a great talent for fundraising.
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Taurus (Apr 21 - May 21)
Your compassionate approach makes you popular at work. People will be asking you for advice or seeking your help in resolving conflicts. Your artistic talent is in demand too. Falling in love with someone glamorous looks likely.
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Gemini (May 22 - June 21)
Going on a spiritual quest with a partner will be very enlightening. The two of you can benefit from asking each other deep questions like, "Why do you think you are here?". If you're single, you could find love at a lecture or bookstore.
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Cancer (June 22 - July 23)
Trust your intuition about a love affair. You know exactly what to say and do to melt your amour's resistance. A blissful bedroom encounter makes you forget your troubles. Work slips by in a flash because you know there's a steamy evening ahead of you.
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Leo (July 24 - Aug 23)
A business associate or romantic partner wants to take care of you. Stop turning them away. Allowing someone to pamper you will bring about a closeness in your relationship. Money may not be available to indulge a whim.
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Virgo (Aug 24 - Sept 23)
You don't have to do something grand in order to make a positive difference. Greeting customers with a smile and inquiring after their health may mean more than you realise. These days, we're all craving for a human connection.
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Libra (Sept 24 - Oct 23)
Indulge your love of luxury this week. This is a great time to go shopping for art supplies. Fancy paper and colourful inks give you a special lift. Working on something creative could inspire you to take up a new money-making venture.
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Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 22)
Home provides a welcome haven from the outside world. Extra money could become available to decorate or do some improvements. Resist the urge to hire a friend to do this work or a perfectly good friendship will fall to ruin. If
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Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 22)
You soak up information like a sponge. You're probably the teacher's pet; it's rare to have a student so eager to learn. Family responsibilities are driving you to distraction. You've been given more than your fair share of the work and it's time to delegate.
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Capricorn (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Use your imagination when it comes to making your money go further. Repairing things may be cheaper than buying brand new. If you're thinking of going on a vacation, search the internet for inexpensive accommodation.
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Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
You're very sensitive to your surroundings now. It's possible a friend needs your help. You've always been an independent person and showing them how to become more assertive will be a valuable lesson for you both.
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Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Working in quiet solitude gets your creative juices flowing. You may decide you have a talent for scholarship. Studying astrology, mythology, or mysticism could be rewarding. A teacher who is impressed by your talent will urge you to study further.
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Shadowy retelling of an old favourite

By Nik Shelton

THERE'S an alternative to the traditional festive panto on offer at The Junction in Cambridge this month, with an Iraqi variant of the tale of *Aladdin*.

Instead of Dames in grease paint and groansome puns, the performers behind *The Magic Lamp* tell their tale with puppets, shadows and that staple of university lecture theatres throughout the 1980s, the overhead projector.

The show, which opened this week and runs until January 3, was first created in 2004 at The Junction by local theatre company Indefinite Articles, and it has been performed and developed in venues across the country each festive period ever since.

"We wanted to use the story of *Aladdin* without ever using his name," explains performer Steve Tiplady.

"I found a book of Iraqi stories about 10 years ago and in it was this story called *The Magic Lamp,* which wasn't called *Aladdin* but it was basically the same story with slight differences.

"All the traditional elements are there – there's a princess and a genie and magic but there are three bad guys instead of one and the boy thwarts each one in turn."

The Junction's theatre venue The Shed will be transformed into a Bedouin tent for the show, which features an original music accompaniment. Steve and his partner, Sally Brown, perform the show together, projecting the images and giving the characters their voices.

"We like employing shadows and we decided to perform it as a shadow play, which is a traditional Eastern form used in the old Ottoman Empire called Karagoz," he says.

"We decided we wanted people to see what we're doing as we're doing it so we have a screen down the centre of the theatre and people sit on both sides.

"We then project images using something that is very un-Eastern, overhead projectors. We really like overhead projectors because they're a completely out-of-date piece of equipment. We put things like paper, water and oils on them to create different effects.

"It's a hard thing to describe but people seem to genuinely love it. It's definitely accessible and not at all arty and difficult. And also it's very beautiful and a little bit scary too."

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Magnet Man and Dead Letter Society. Tickets £5. 7.30pm.

THE PORTLAND ARMS, CHESTERTON ROAD, CAMBRIDGE
Miles Hunt (The Wonder Stuff), The Indelicates, Keith TOTP, Remodel Kasule Xmas Party (Part 2). Tickets £8-10. 8pm.

Friday December 12

MILLENNIUM GRANDSTAND, NATWEST ROWLEY MILE RACECOURSE, NEWMARKET
Memphis Underground – rockabilly. Playing the Newmarket Business Awards. Fundraising on the evening will support St Felix Middle School. Info/tickets call (01638) 577369 or email *jo@memlpd.com*

THE LONGBOW, STAPLEFORD
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Saturday December 13

THE GEORGE & DRAGON, EATON SOCON, ST NEOTS
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THE LORD PROTECTOR, HUNTINGDON
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SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen.**
11.30 **Indian Food Made Easy.**
12.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
12.10 **Football Focus.**
1.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.**
4.30 **Final Score.**
5.20 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
5.40 **Hole in the Wall.**
6.10 **Strictly Come Dancing.** The three pro-celebrity couples vie for a place in next week's final.
7.10 **Merlin.**
7.55 **The National Lottery Draws.**
8.05 **Casualty.** Sean tells the entire department that Jessica is pregnant.
8.55 **Strictly Come Dancing.** The two couples competing in the dance-off are revealed.
9.40 **Outnumbered.** The children are left with a Croatian babysitter, who has a night she will never forget.
10.10 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.30 **Match of the Day.**
11.50 **FILM: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls (1995)** The pet detective goes in search of a missing sacred bat in the African jungle. Jim Carrey stars.
1.20 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.30 **Teletubbies.**
7.00 **CBBC: Roar.**
8.00 **The Secret Show.**
8.15 **Sportsround.**
8.30 **Gimme a Break.**
9.00 **TMI.**
10.30 **Gina's Laughing Gear.**
11.00 **The Secret Show.**
11.15 **Tracy Beaker.**
11.45 **Eliot Kid.**
12.00 **Malcolm in the Middle.**
12.45 **Mission Beach USA.**
1.15 **Switch: Sound.**
1.45 **Switch: Revealed.**
2.00 **The Sky at Night.**
2.20 **FILM: King Rat (1965).**
4.30 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.**
5.40 **Rick Stein's Food Heroes Christmas Special.**
6.10 **The Hairy Bakers' Christmas Special.**
7.10 **A Life on the Box: Arthur Lowe.**
7.55 **Missing Presumed Wiped.**
8.25 **Dad's Army in Colour: Room at the Bottom.**
9.00 **Comedy Connections.**
9.40 **Have I Got a Bit More News for You.**
10.20 **Never Mind the Buzzcocks.**
10.50 **The Peter Serafinowicz Show – Best Of.**
11.35 **Blondie: One Way or Another.**
12.50 **Snooker.**

ANGLIA

6.00 **GMTV.**
9.25 **CITV: Captain Mack.**
9.40 **Emu.**
9.55 **Bernard.**
10.10 **My Life As a Popat.**
10.40 **Coronation Street.**
1.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
1.20 **Anglia News and Weather.**
1.25 **FILM: The Sting (1973).** A pair of con-men plot to take revenge on a mobster by swindling him out of a fortune.
3.40 **Midsomer Murders.** A schoolboy is murdered.
5.40 **Anglia News and Weather.**
5.55 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.10 **New You've Been Framed!**
6.40 **Harry Hill's TV Burp.**
7.10 **The X Factor.** The remaining contestants compete in the final.
8.40 **The Girls Aloud Party.** The girl band host a festive celebration, performing some of their greatest hits.
9.40 **The X Factor – The Result.**
10.40 **FILM: True Lies (1994).** A computer salesman leads a double life as a secret agent. Arnold Schwarzenegger stars.
11.40 **ITV News and Weather.**
11.55 **FILM: True Lies (1994)** Concluded.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 **The Hoobs.**
6.35 **Planet Cook.**
7.00 **Goalissimo.**
8.00 **The Morning Line.**
8.50 **T4: unsignedAct.**
9.55 **T4: Friends.**
10.25 **T4: Album Chart Show: Sugababes Special.**
10.55 **T4: Friends.**
11.30 **T4: The Day the Earth Stood Still: T4 Movie Special.**
12.00 **T4: Reaper.**
12.55 **T4: 101 Challenges.**
1.45 **Channel 4 Racing from Cheltenham and Doncaster.**
3.55 **FILM: Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977).** Sci-fi drama, starring Richard Dreyfuss.
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Iraq: The Legacy.**
8.00 **A River Cottage Christmas Feast.** Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall prepares a medieval banquet for yuletide.
9.00 **The Devil's Whore.** Sexby is arrested and exiled.
10.05 **FILM: Sideways (2004).** Two middle-aged men embark on a wine tasting tour before one of them is due to tie the knot. Comedy, starring Paul Giamatti.
12.35 **FILM: The Power of the Game (2007).** Premiere.

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6.00 **Sunrise.**
7.00 **Harry and His Bucket.**
7.10 **Chiro.**
7.20 **Milkshake! Music Box.**
7.30 **Hana's Helpline.**
7.45 **Bottle Top Bill.**
8.00 **Little Princess.**
8.15 **Franny's Feet.**
8.30 **The Beeps.**
8.50 **The Mr Men Show.**
9.05 **Rupert Bear.**
9.20 **The Milkshake! Show.**
9.50 **Bert and Ernie.**
10.00 **The Gadget Show Christmas Special.**
11.00 **World's Strongest Man Super Series.**
12.00 **Polar Bear Adventures with Nigel Marven.**
1.00 **FILM: The Angel of Pennsylvania Avenue (1996).** Drama.
3.00 **FILM: I Love Trouble (1994).**
5.20 **FILM: The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992).** Children's comedy.
6.50 **Five News and Sport.**
7.10 **NCIS.** The team races to find a sniper targeting Marine recruiters.
8.00 **NCIS.** Three execution-style killings take place.
9.00 **CSI: NY.**
10.00 **CSI: NY.** Two employees of a renowned magician are murdered in scenes inspired by his tricks.
11.00 **FBI Files.**
12.00 **Quiz Call.**

Colin Morgan
Merlin
BBC1, Saturday, 7.10pm

Simon Cowell
X Factor – The Final
Anglia, Saturday, 7.10pm

Will Ferrell
Elf
Channel Four, Sunday, 6.15pm

Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler
50 First Dates
five, Sunday, 8pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.35 **Match of the Day.**
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **Christmas Voices.** Seasonal entertainment.
11.00 **Countryfile.**
12.00 **BBC News.**
12.05 **Cash in the Attic.**
12.35 **'Allo 'Allo!**
1.00 **Diagnosis Murder.** Dr Sloan investigates the case of an old friend.
1.45 **EastEnders.** Omnibus.
3.40 **Merlin.** Arthur is mortally wounded by a monster that has the body of a lion and the head of a serpent.
4.25 **Songs of Praise.** A Christmas special from the Royal Albert Hall.
5.05 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
5.30 **Little Dorrit.** Omnibus.
7.00 **BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2008.**
9.00 **Wallander.** Three teenagers are shot dead while enjoying a picnic in a secluded wood.
10.30 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.50 **Spooks.** Russian sleeper agents plan to detonate a nuclear bomb in London.
11.50 **FILM: The Ghost and the Darkness (1996)** Action adventure.
1.35 **Sign Zone: Holby City.**

BBC2

6.00 **CBeebies: Tikkabilla.**
6.30 **Teletubbies.**
7.00 **CBBC: Roar.**
8.00 **Mona the Vampire.**
8.15 **Scooby-Doo?**
8.35 **Bring It On.**
9.00 **Scorpion Island.**
10.00 **Something for the Weekend.**
11.30 **Rachel's Favourite Food at Home.**
12.00 **Animal Park.**
1.00 **Live Athletics.**
2.45 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.**
5.30 **One Man and His Dog 2008.**
6.10 **Long Way Down.** Charley Boorman and Ewan McGregor briefly go their own ways when the Ewan's wife Eve joins them in Malawi.
7.10 **Natural World.**
8.00 **Coast.** Neil Oliver leads the team to Cornwall.
9.00 **Top Gear.**
10.00 **Match of the Day 2.**
10.50 **Graham Norton Uncut.**
11.35 **Heroes.** Sylar and Elle face the wrath of Noah, while Peter and Nathan battle the Haitian's brother Baron Samedi. Ando, Sam and Frack work to restore Hiro's memory.
12.20 **Snooker: UK Championship.**

ANGLIA

6.00 **GMTV.**
9.25 **CITV: Art Attack.**
9.50 **Prove It!**
10.10 **Finger Tips.**
10.50 **Planet Sketch.**
11.00 **The Championship.**
12.00 **ITV News and Weather.**
12.10 **Anglia News and Weather.**
12.20 **Britannia High: Behind the Scenes.** Production of the musical drama.
1.20 **The X Factor.**
2.50 **The X Factor – The Result.**
3.50 **Anglia News and Weather Week.**
4.05 **FILM: Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones (2002).** The Jedi Knights unite to protect Senator Padme from an assassin.
7.00 **Britannia High.** Canteen girl Ronnie confides in Jez that she is only working there in the hope of getting noticed.
8.00 **The Royal.**
9.00 **The Old Curiosity Shop.** Sophie Vavasseur stars as Little Nell.
11.00 **ITV News and Weather.**
11.15 **The Priests.** The story of three Roman Catholic clergymen who signed a £1 million recording contract with Sony.
12.15 **Britain's Love Story.**

CHANNEL 4

6.10 **Planet Cook.**
6.30 **Transworld Sport.**
7.25 **Adrenalin Rush.**
7.50 **The Great North Swim.**
8.45 **T4: Friends.**
9.20 **T4: Hollyoaks.** Omnibus.
11.50 **T4: unsignedAct.**
12.50 **T4: Relentless.**
1.40 **T4: Friends.**
2.10 **T4: Girls Aloud: Under the Skin.**
3.15 **T4: Girls Aloud: Tangled Up Live from the O2.**
4.15 **T4: The Simpsons.**
4.45 **T4: The Simpsons.**
5.10 **Deal or No Deal.**
6.00 **Channel 4 News.**
6.15 **FILM: Elf (2003).** A man, raised as an elf, is a little shocked to find out that he is human, and sets out to get back to his roots. Comedy.
8.00 **Peter Kay's Britain's Got the Pop Factor.** The comedian's own take on Britain's plethora of reality talent shows.
9.55 **4Music: Peter Kay Presents Geraldine McQueen's Christmas Video.**
10.00 **Sunday Night Project.**
11.05 **FILM: Wolf (1994).** A publisher undergoes a dramatic transformation.
1.30 **FILM: Only Yesterday (1991).** Animated fantasy.

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6.05 **Bird Bath.**
6.10 **Softies.**
6.15 **Look!**
6.20 **Angels of Jarm.**
6.30 **Elmo's World.**
6.45 **Harry and His Bucket.**
7.00 **Chiro.**
7.05 **Milkshake! Music Box.**
7.15 **Christmas Songs.**
7.20 **Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends.**
7.30 **Hana's Helpline.**
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9.10 **The Milkshake! Show.**
9.40 **Mist: Sheepdog Tales.**
10.00 **Secrets of Egypt: Sphinx.**
11.00 **Fire Storm: Perfect Disaster.**
12.00 **Megastructures.**
1.00 **FILM: Before Winter Comes (1969).**
3.00 **Zoo Days.**
3.15 **FILM: Blizzard (2003).**
5.15 **FILM: Firefox (1982).**
7.45 **Five News and Sport.**
8.00 **FILM: 50 First Dates (2004).** Romantic comedy.
10.00 **FILM: Lethal Weapon 4 (1998).** Action adventure.
12.35 **Muhammad Ali Special.**

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£178,500

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Chatteris
£165,000

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Haddenham
£158,950

A well presented character semi detached cottage situated close to the centre of this popular village. Includes entrance hall, kitchen/dining room, lounge, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garden and parking.

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£190,000

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£152,500

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Pymoor
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New Ka is far more glamorous

ON TEST

Ford's city car evolves

IAIN DOOLEY

THANKS to the advent of powerful computers car development has been speeded up no end in recent years. You've probably noticed the trend for cars to be replaced with increasing regularity – three or four years is now the norm if you want to stay competitive.

With that in mind consider the humble Ford Ka. When all around it in the Blue Oval's stable has been replaced many times over since the city runabout's 1996 launch, save for a few minor cosmetic tweaks Ford's low cost urban mover hasn't changed a bit. If there was any car that epitomised the "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" mantra it was the Ka.

The trouble was, the Ka was so good at its job that Ford was reluctant to "fix it" and introduce something new that would genuinely move the game forward. However, with an increasing number of small cars finding favour with cash and space-conscious buyers, getting ahead of the game once again was the priority.

■ **PLUSH** . . . interior is far superior.

With the new family "look" now firmly established with the latest Fiesta, it was entirely predictable that Ford's smallest offering would share the same edgy, racy and contemporary design. This second generation Ka's rakish and upright stance positions it above the generic soap-bar shapes of its closest rivals.

The same is true inside the Ka, with the overall ambience one that's a million miles away from the initially cheap and cheerful interior of the original. Second time around and it's a lot more glamorous – plush upholstery has been combined with high grade plastics to create cabin that's more closely aligned with the Mondeo and Focus than some bargain basement runabout.

And it's fair to say that it all works rather well. The combination of plush interior, sensibly placed switchgear and clear instruments all add considerable value to the ownership experience. The claim that you can get two adults in the back – this Ka remains a three-door hatch – is largely a genuine one and the car's sloping roof doesn't unduly impact on headroom. Further back you've got a decent sized boot for a car of this size, while the rear seats either fold as a bench or split and fold depending on the model selected.

■ **THE NEW FORD KA** . . . revisions aplenty.

The revisions continue under the Ka's bonnet, with a new petrol-diesel pairing making an appearance in 1.2 and 1.3-litre guise respectively. Both come with a five-speed manual gearbox as standard, with the shift lever mounted high up on the fascia for added convenience.

Historically city cars have been associated with small capacity petrol units, and the Ka's 67bhp motor proves more than adequate. Its smooth and quiet character makes it ideal for urban motoring, while its economy and CO2 credentials should endear it to both private and company drivers.

Overall the driving experience is an enjoyable one, with Ford demonstrating that despite the car's grown-up and more refined character it's still possible to have some fun when behind the wheel.

The previous model might have been a surprise hit with the keen drivers, but it's hoped that this model will be equally popular with fashion-conscious buyers. No longer a modestly trimmed conveyance, this Ka can be had in a number of jolly exterior colours with cabin trim and fabrics to match.

Furthermore, both the interior and exterior can be selected in a trio of style packs over and above the conventional Studio, Style, Style Plus and Zetec trim levels.

Basically

Enjoyable driving dynamics are matched by a sensible and affordable choice of engines. A Ka for the 21st century!

VERDICT

Ford Ka 1.2 Zetec

Price
£9,495

Looks
Sharp and edgy

Handling
Highly enjoyable

Practicality
Good for its size

Performance
Nippy around town

factfile

Engine:	1.2-litre petrol
Max. power:	67bhp
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Facelifted new Octavia on way

SKODA will be launching a new Octavia in January with an extensive exterior and interior facelift, bringing the hugely successful model up to date with the brand's current range.

Prices of the new, improved Octavia represent an average increase of £473 for the Octavia Hatch and £478 for the Octavia Estate over the outgoing model.

The new Octavia has undergone a series of significant design changes which include dynamic, sweeping headlights and complimentary front fog lights, new foldable door mirrors and body coloured bumpers and side mouldings.

Improvements go beyond a traditional facelift with the new Octavia benefiting from a partially re-designed interior which features a range of new steering wheels, new stereo systems and new upholstery.

The new Octavia also takes the S, SE and Elegance trim naming system from the new Superb and comes with new alloy wheels and two new paint colours – Arctic Green Metallic and Aqua Blue Metallic.

A brand new 1.4 TSI 122bhp engine will replace the current 1.6 FSI 115bhp engine and the 2.0 FSI 200bhp engine with DSG transmission will be introduced on the Octavia vRS.

Warren Richards, product marketing manager at Skoda, said: "The new Octavia is a thoroughly contemporary car which sits perfectly within our current range. As well as modernised looks, it features a whole host of new features that will appeal to today's car buyers."

■ SKODA OCTAVIA . . . the new styling and equipment levels mirror the new Superb.

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A Bankruptcy Order has been made in the undermentioned Court against the following (note: all debts due to the estate should be paid to me):

CAMBRIDGE COUNTY COURT

No. 481 of 2008 **RE: ELIZABETH HELEN GRAY** unemployed, of 25 Bellings Road, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 7RB also known as ELIZABETH HELEN MCCARTHY and formerly known as ELIZABETH HELEN STANLEY, lately residing at 136 Claremont, Malpas, Newport, Gwent NP20 6PP and formerly at 18 Coventry Close, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire GL20 5HR.

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Leighton	1	Romulus	1
Malvern Town	1	Soham Town Rngrs	2
Rothwell Town	0	Leamington	6
Sutton Cold Tn	4	Marlow	1
Woodford Utd	1	Bromsgrove	2

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Leamington	15	14	1	0	46	10	43
Atherstone	16	12	3	1	38	14	39
Nuneaton	17	12	2	3	40	11	38
Leighton	18	9	5	4	28	20	32
Chesham	15	8	5	2	24	8	29
Chasetown	15	8	4	3	27	13	28
Aylesbury	16	8	3	5	27	21	27
Marlow	18	7	4	7	29	29	25
Sutton Cold Tn	17	8	1	8	29	29	25
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KERSHAW LEAGUE

Premier Division: Eaton Socon 2 Newmarket res 1, Fulbourn Institute 1 Ely City res 1, Great Shelford 1 Waterbeach 4, Hundon v Fordham (post), Lakenheath 4 Cottenham Utd 0, Needingworth Utd 1 Littleport 5, Over Sports v Histon A (post).

Senior A: Foxton 4 Castle Camps 2, Girton Utd v Great Paxton (post), Hardwick v Debden (post), Hemingfords Utd 2 Comberton Utd 2, Soham Rgrs res v Brampton (post), Whittlesford Utd 3 Cherry Hinton 0, Wisbech res v Somersham post.

Senior B: Cottenham Utd res 3 Helions Bumpstead 1, Littleport res v Sawston Utd (post), March Utd res v Great Chesterford post), Milton 0 Haddenham Rov 3, Outwell Swiffs v RHS Utd (post), Saffron Crocus 2 Linton Granta 1, Soham Utd v Bluntisham Rgrs (post), Swavesey Institute 2 West Row Gunners 2.

BIS LEAGUE

Division 1A: Cambridge University Press res 4 Fulbourn Institute res 2, Camden Utd 4 Steeple Bumpstead 3, Comberton Utd res 3 Gamlingay Utd 5, Fowlmere 2 Girton Utd res 0, Sawston Rov 1 Duxford Utd 5, West Wratting res 2 Cambourne Rov 0.

Division 1B: Barton Mills v Hemingfords Utd res (post), Buckden 2 Bottisham Sports 3, Ely City A 2 Wisbech St Mary 1, Gransden Chequers v Fenstanton, Waterbeach res 2 Eaton Socon res 6, Willingham 0 St Ives Rgrs 3.

Division 2A: Balsham 8 Whittlesford United res 1, Bassingbourn 4 Thaxted Rangers 1, Elsworth Sports 3 Papworth 1, Linton Granta res 0 Cambridge University Press A 6, Melbourn 3 Great Shelford res 1, Wilbraham 2 Hardwick res 2.

Division 2B: Milton res 0 Lakenheath res 3, Stretham Hotspurs 2 Needingworth Utd res 2, Sutton Utd 3 Somersham res 0, The Vine 3 Newmarket A 0, Wisbech St Mary res 1 Over Sports res 1, Witchford 96 2 March Rgrs 6.

Division 3A: Harston 1987 0 Dullingham 0, Lode 2 Abington Utd 1, Mott MacDonald 2 Ashdon Villa 2, RHS United res 3 Steeple Morden 3.

Division 3B: Bluntisham Rgrs res 4 Soham Utd res 0, Brampton res 1 Mepal Sports 2, Cottenham Utd A 4 Little Downham Swifts 4, Ely Crusaders 0 Burwell Swifts 6, Fordham res 3 Huntingdon Utd RGE 3, Isleham Utd 1 Chatteris res 2, Wisbech St Mary A 4 Hemingfords Utd A 1.

Division 4A: City Life 4 Sawston Rov res 2, Duxford Utd res 2 Saffron Crocus res 0, Hempstead Utd 2 Sawston Utd res 0, Litlington Athletic 5 Figleaves 2, Orwell 3 Dalehead Utd 4, Saffron Rgrs 3 Barton 4.

Division 4B: Earith Utd v Tydd Utd, Exning Athletic v Milton A, Fenstanton res v The Vine res, Haddenham Rov res v Barton Mills res, West Row Gunners res v Outwell Swifts res, Wicken Amateurs v Estover Park.

Division 5A: Barrington res 8 Newport Veterans 0, Great Chishill res 7 Melbourn res 3, Hundon A 3 Debden res 3, Steeple Morden res 3 Fowlmere res 3, West Wratting A 3 Haslingfield 1.

Division 5B: Burwell Swifts res 2 Elsworth Sports res 0, Cambridge Ambassadors 1 Gransden Chequers res 3, Cambridge Athletic 3 Isleham Utd res 4, Cherry Hinton res 2 Lode res 0, Papworth res 5 City Life res 4.

Division 5C: Little Downham Swifts res v Wisbech St Mary B (post), March Rgrs res 1 Witchford 96 res 3, Outwell Swifts A v Wisbech Fen Stars (post), Supercue 1 Emneth Spartans 20, Walsoken Utd 7 Coldham Utd 1.

CAMBS MINI-LEAGUE

Under-10A: Plantation B 1 Cherry Hinton Lions B 1. **Under-10C:** Littleport 2 Stretham Sporting A 0.

Under-10F: Fulbourn Institute 0 Fulbourn Falcons 16.

Under-11A: Aztecs A 3 Haverhill Rov 1, NST Strikers A 3 West Wratting 1, NST Strikers B 3 Grampian Gunners 1, Walpole Warriors 4 Thurlow 0, Whittlesford Warriors 4 Wilbraham Warriors 1.

Under-11B: Aztecs B 0 Plantation 0, Bottisham 0 Newmarket A 6, Cambridge Celts A 5 Great Bardfield 0, Cambridge Diamonds 1 Fulbourn Institute 0.

Under-11C: Isleham Utd 2 Burwell Swallows 0, Stretham Sporting B 0 Stretham Sporting A 10, Sutton Rgrs 0 Witchford A 11, Witchford B 2 Newmarket B 7.

Under-11D: Cambourne Eagles 3 Swavesey Spartans 2, Comberton Crusaders A 5 Willingham Wolves 0, Comberton Crusaders B 2 Papworth Blasters 1, Girton v Hardwick Harriers (post).

S-TECH CAMBS GIRLS' LEAGUE

Under-10: Cambridge City 6 Alconbury 0.

Under-11: Burwell Swallows 0 Sawtry 5, Cambridge City 0 Bishop's Stortford Comm 2, Chatteris 1 Priory Parkside 1, Comberton Crusaders 4 Hormead Hares 2, Estover Park 5 Histon Hornets 0.

Under-12: Alconbury 1 Bishop's Stortford Comm 6, Sawtry 8 Histon Hornets 0, Waterbeach 1 Cherry Hinton Lions 1, Witchford 0 Peterborough Dia 12.

Under-15: Bishop's Stortford Comm 1 Whittlesey Utd 4, Cambridge City 11 Walden Spirit 2.

Under-16A: Bar Hill 3 Posh 5, Cambridge City 11 Buckden 1.

Rest of programme postponed.

S-TECH CAMBS GIRLS' LEAGUE CUP

Under-13A: Haverhill Rov 2 Royston Town 5, Cottenham Utd 0 Bishop's Stortford Comm 1, Fulbourn Inst 5 Buckden 1.

Under-13B: Comberton Crus 12 Balsham 0, Haverhill Rov 2 Royston Town 5, Histon Hornets 5 Bar Hill 3.

Under-14A: Alconbury 0 Bishop's Stortford Comm 5, Burwell Swallows 3 Bassingbourn 0, Willingham Wolves 0 Saffron Walden 6, Histon Hornets 4 Comberton Crus 5, Huntingdon Rowdies 1 Haverhill Rov 7.

Rest of programme postponed.

VB TROPHIES CAMBRIDGE SUNDAY LEAGUE

Senior Division: Ickleton 3 Sawston Keys 5.

Division 2A: Witchford Raiders 1 Exning Utd res 3.

Division 2B: Litlington Sun 2 Ashwell res 8, Sawston Wanderers 5 Elmdon 5.

Division 4: Banyers res 2 Prince of Wales Newmarket 4, Gransden Sun 0 Sporting Hinton 1.

Rest of programme postponed

TUCKER GARDNER ALLIANCE SUNDAY LEAGUE

Division One: Little Thetford Lions 3 Village Cars 3, Surff Utd 1 Waterbeach Wdrs 7.

Division Two: Ellesmere Eagles v Studlands Park res (post), Royston & Diamonds v West End Utd (post).

CAMBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COLTS LEAGUE

Under-12A: Withersfield 8 Bar Hill 1.

Under-12B: Huntingdon Rowdies 1 Saffron Walden 9, Newmarket B 0 Arbury Aces 7, Spartak 78 0 Aztecs 1.

Under-12C: Fulbourn Falcons 3 Milton B 3, Grampian Gunners 2 Soham Utd 4, Somersham B 3 Sawston Utd 7.

Under-12D: Bottisham C 3 Priory Parkside 1, Burwell Tigers 3 Buckden Jnrs B 4.

Under-12E: Ely City 1 Saffron Walden B 2, Haverhill Rov 0 Cherry Hinton Lions B 2, Hundon Hawks 2 Waterbeach 1,Lakenheath Yth 1 Whittlesford 0, Mildenhall 5 Chesterton Eagles 0.

Under-12F: Isleham Utd 2 Hardwick Harriers 5.

Under-13A: Newmarket 4 Priory Parkside B 3, Spartak 78 B 1 Ramsey 6.

Under-13B: Cottenham Utd 0 Waterbeach 3, Haddenham Rov 1 Aztecs 1.

Under-13C: St Ives Rgrs 0 Bluntisham Blasters 1.

Under-13D: Aztecs B 3 Whittlesford Warriors 4, Cherry Hinton Lions B 2 Godmanchester Rov 3, Fulbourn Inst 1 Warboys 4, Gamlingay Utd 1 Red Lodge 4.

Under-13E: Swavesey Spartans 0 Comberton Crusaders 5.

Under-14A: Cherry Hinton Lions B 8 Spartak 78 1, Fulbourn Falcons 8 Sawston Utd 0, Grampian Gunners 2 Godmanchester Rov 1, Somersham 2 Cottenham Utd 6.

Under-14B: Haverhill Rov 6 Soham 2, Newmarket 1 Fulbourn Falcons B 0.

Under-14C: Bar Hill 1 Milton 2, Celtic Crusaders 10 Alconbury 0.

Under-14D: Cambridge Musks 5 Needingworth 2,

Under-14E: Chesterton Villa 2 Papworth Blasters 0 (aband Inj), Hemingford 1 Godmanchester Rov C 4, Little Paxton 3 Aztecs B 4, Ramsey B 5 Benwick Athletic 0, Waterbeach 4 Burwell Tigers 1.

Under-15A: HistonHornets 1 Histon Hornets B 4.

Under-15B: Bottisham 2 Little Paxton 3 , March Rgrs 3 Cottenham Utd 2, Newmarket 1 Chatteris 3, Ramsey 1 Swavesey Spartans 2, Spartak 78 7 St Ives Rgrs B 1.

Under-15C: NST Strikers 3 Waterbeach 2.

Under-15D: Godmanchester Rov 2 Aztecs 6, Soham Utd 3 Milton 9, Somersham B 3 Littleport 2.

Under-15E: Cambourne Eagles 4 Cherry Hinton Lions B 1, Mildenhall B 3 Manea Utd Strikers 4, Needingworth B 0 Buckden 0.

Under-16B: Alconbury 4 Isleham Utd A 1, Brampton Spartans 1 Bar Hill 2, Mildenhall 4 Somersham 3,

Under-16C: Hardwick Harriers 0 Cottenham Utd 6, Isleham Utd B 1 Cambridge Musks 1.

Under-17A: Chesterton Eagles 4 St Ives Rangers 0.

Rest of programme postponed.

CAMBRIDGE & DISTRICT COLTS LEAGUE KNOCKOUT CUP

Under-11, first round: Cherry Hinton Lions 3 Teversham 4, Ely Crusaders 6 Warboys 1, Huntingdon Rowdies 4 Bluntisham Blasters 3, Milton 1 Mildenhall 6, Newmarket 3 Priory Parkside B 1, Ramsey 3 Saffron Walden B 0 (aband Inj), Sawston Utd 19 Chatteris C 0, Soham Utd 0 Chesterton Eagles 7, St Ives Rgrs 0 Waterbeach 2.

Under-13, second round: Hardwick Harriers 7 Eaton Socon 3.

Under-13, third round: Bottisham 1 Newmarket B 8, Burwell Tigers 0 Haverhill Rov 7, NST Strikers 1 Brampton Spartans B 2, Parson Drove 92 12 NST Strikers B 0, Soham Utd 3 Histon Hornets B 7.

CAMBRIDGE & DISTRICT COLTS LEAGUE CUP

Under-13, third round: Cherry Hinton Lions 0 Priory Parkside 1, Girton 1 Spartak 78 10, Histon Hornets 6 Sawston Utd 2.

Under-15, third round: Hardwick Harriers 2 Huntingdon Rowdies 3, Somersham 2 St Ives Rgrs 2.(Aband)

Under-16, third round: Hundon Hawks 1 Whittlesford Warriors 0.

Under-17, third round: Aztecs Jnrs 5 Warboys 3

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INTER-COUNTY VETERANS' LEAGUE

Over-45s: Bucks 10 Cambs 2.

HOCKEY

EAST MEN'S LEAGUE

Division 3NW: March Town 9 Bourne II 0, Boston 1 March Town II 6, Ely City 4 Spalding 1, Cambridge South 3 Alford 0.

Division 4NW: St Ives III 0 St Neots II 5, Cambridge Nomads III 1 Horncastle 5, Long Sutton II 3 Cambridge City V 0, Spalding II 4 Ely City II 1, St Ives II 1 Market Deeping II 1.

Division 6NW: Market Deeping III 4 March Town IV 1, Spalding III 3 Ely City III 2.

Division 7NW: St Ives V 3 Rutland V 0, Ely City IV 0 Spalding IV 3, Spalding V 1 St Neots V 4.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE LADIES' LEAGUE

Premier Division Cup: Wisbech II 2 Ely 1, Market Deeping 1 Cambridge Univ III 3.

Division One Cup: Cambridge South II 0 Sawtry 3, March II 4 City of Peterborough IV 5, St Ives III 2 Cambridge Nomads II 1, Saffron Walden 4 Cambridge City IV 3.

Division Two Cup: Newmarket II 3 Ely II 2, Huntingdon II 1 St Neots IV 3.

RUGBY UNION

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE

Division Two: Ely 47 Haverhill 7.

Francis kick-starts rout

Witchford 11 Sutton Rgrs 0

CANBS MINI LEAGUE, UNDER-11C

YOUTH FOOTBALL

WITCHFORD starting the scoring early on, with a fantastic goal by captain Nathan Francis. This led to Witchford taking control of the game, with other first-half goals by Ruairidh MacDonald, Euan Gilmour, Charlie O'Connor and Matthew Loades.
The Sutton goalkeeper made a great effort, but it was not enough to stop Witchford adding six more in second half, scored by Jack Loveday, Daniel Chapman (2), Loades (2) and an own goal.
Witchford's man of the match was Chapman.
Team: **Ruairidh MacDonald, Matthew Loades, Euan Gilmour, Nathan Francis, Daniel Scott, Daniel Chapman, Charlie O'Connor, Harry Braybrooke and Jack Loveday.**

No victory for Nelson

Ely Tigers v Peterborough v Oundle

UNDER-10s

YOUTH RUGBY

Ely Tigers' visit to Peterborough saw three closely-matched sides battle for supremacy. The Tigers' first two games saw superb defence and ball interaction between the players and both ended in 0-0 deadlock.

Notable performances were put in by Laurence Whitworth and Will Nelson, whose sniping runs and ball presentation in the rucks helped Ely make good ground.

Tigers' next game saw Peterborough strike twice within five minutes. Ely were not fazed and strung together some excellent play. When the all-action Aussie Anthony Riches went over for a try in the corner, there was a feeling that another would come, but unfortunately the seconds ticked away and Ely had to concede a narrow defeat. The last game against Oundle proved to be the most exciting, with Riches scoring again, this time receiving a pass from player-of-the day James Armer after hard yards made in midfield.

Oundle then scored, but Ely took charge again through Will Hurst, and looked set to end on a high, only for what would have been the winning try to be disallowed.

Coach James Matcham said this had been Ely's best performance of the season. It is clear that the recent trip to Harlequins, where Ely faced very strong teams including Rosslyn Park and Hayward's Heath, has inspired the Tigers to a new level of play.

Club's double triumph

NETBALL

STRETHAM continued their impressive form this season with fantastic performances from both squads.

The firsts extended their unbeaten run to nine games with wins over Jets 2 and Cherry Hinton 1.

Jets 2 played an experienced team, but Stretham's shooters gave them an early lead.

Stretham maintained their workrate to ensure that Jets did not make any inroads, and some outstanding shooting made the final score 44-12.

Stretham 1 continued their superb play against Cherry Hinton, dominating play throughout, with some great defending at one end and the shooters again sinking the opportunities given to them to complete a 44-28 victory and keep them top of Division 2.

Stretham 2 were also in action at the weekend, facing Cherry Hinton in Divison 4 and securing a 23-23 draw.

Stretham meet for training on Wednesday evenings. For further information, please visit www.strethamnetballclub.co.uk

■ Ely 3 were back on form at the weekend with a superb 24-11 away win over Burwell 3.

Ely led all the way with a strong attack from Karen Carter and Jo Hayward, passing the ball into the circle for the winning combination of Anita Reidy and Rachel Starling to score.

Excellent defending from Gemma Munns, Jo Elkington and Naomi Mercer meant that Burwell were unable to get the goals they needed. Reidy was voted player of the match.

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ANGLING

Pettit leads a successful Raid on title

MATT Pettit put in a fine display to help Dawn Raiders capture the teams of four title at Headfen Lakes Fishery.

He amassed a 36lb 12oz bag of carp with the help of maggots as he finished in first place on Snake Lake at the Little Downham venue.

And his team-mate Mark Nicholas had 10-9 to his name to come second on Trev's Lake behind Suffolk's Finest's Steve Gifford, who had 13-12.

Details – Snake Lake: **1 Matt Pettit (Dawn Raiders) 36lb 12oz, 2 Rob Anstey (Westside Baggers) 28-5, 3 Bob Coulson (Suffolk's Finest) 25-4.**

Trev's Lake: **1 Steve Gifford (Suffolk's Finest) 13-12, 2 Mark Nicholas (Dawn Raiders) 10-9, 3 Pete Lambdin (Garbolino) 7-8.**

Teams: **1 Dawn Raiders 7pts, 2 Suffolk's Finest 11, 3 Blue Boys 15.**

Overall: **1 Dawn Raiders 12pts, 2 Westside Baggers 13, 3 Blue Boys 15.**

■ John Leedl racked up two victories at High Flyer Lake as he compiled bags weighing 106lb and 61lb.

His three-figure haul was more than enough to beat his rivals on Sunday, with Fred Nixon and Richard Burch taking 78lb and 76lb respectively at the Ely complex.

And Leedl's 61lb catch helped him pip Nigel Wright, who came up short by a single pound, to top spot the previous day.

Details – Saturday: **1 John Leedl (Needham Market) 61lb, 2 Nigel Wright (High Flyer) 60lb, 3 David Penhelligan (Cambridge) 42lb.**

Sunday: **1 John Leedl (Needham Market) 106lb, 2 Fred Nixon (March) 78lb, 3 Richard Burch (Prompt Glazing) 76lb.**

HOCKEY

Vincett's lads head into break unbeaten

■ ON THE SPOT . . . Stuart Clarke, who rounded off Ely's win.

Ely City 4 Spalding 1

NE14 EAST LEAGUE, DIVISION 3NW

ELY rounded off the first half of the season with a convincing victory over Spalding, making it 11 wins from 11 games to leave them eight points clear at the top of the table.

Four weeks back, the Ely team hardly dared think about the possibility of winning all their fixtures in the first half of the season, but as Saturday's game drew closer it seemed an ever more likely possibility.

Ely looked composed before the game, but knew that Spalding would be no walkover.

The first 20 minutes saw the two sides closely matched, with neither team able to chalk anything up on the scoreboard.

Tommy Hugo had different ideas and, keen to break his dry spell, hit an absolute screamer high into the Spalding goal.

Ely's confidence grew with Hugo's goal and they started to stamp their mark on the game. Skipper Chris Vincett scored the second, giving Ely a comfortable cushion as they went into the half-time break.

Early into the second spell Spalding's lone front man broke away from his marker and scored, making it 2-1.

Ely responded immediately with Feroze Abbas laying a timely pass into the Spalding area to allow Chris Purlant to send the ball ferociously towards the Spalding goal.

And a deft nudge by Hugo defeated the keeper and made it 3-1 to Ely.

The hosts confirmed their dominance with one more goal from Stu Clarke, who attached his stick to the ball after a cross in from Tom Rutledge in midfield, the deflection sending the ball in the opposite side of the goal to the Spalding keeper.

Having proved their authority during the first half of the season, teams will be queuing up to try to beat Ely after the Christmas break, an exciting prospect that the whole squad is relishing.

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Goalkeepers get hot tips

MARIETTE Rix, South Africa's goalkeeper, passed on tips to King's School Ely goalkeepers when she visited for the first of a series of coaching clinics. Rix was invited by fellow South African, Chanre Bond, who has also played representative hockey and is the newly appointed head of girls' games. After the floodlit coaching session on King's all-weather pitch, Rix said: "I was very impressed with the girls' commitment."

She also passed on her favourite piece of advice: "Keep working hard but love playing, without enjoying it it's not worth the hard work!"

Pictured with Rix are (back row from left) Lucie Fisher, Rosie White, Sophie Garrad, Flavia Kumar, Alex Calder, Annie Coleridge and Lizzy East. Front, from left: Sophie Russell (under-13 keeper), Rebecca Rowson (under-15 keeper) and Vicki Rush (first-team keeper).

RUGBY UNION

Derby double for Kennett

■ STRONG RUNNING . . . Kieran Kennett leads the attack against Haverhill. Picture: Richard Patterson. SPO525392

Ely 47 Haverhill 7

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE, DIVISION TWO

ELY Tigers overcame injury concerns to maintain their unbeaten track record in their derby win against Haverhill.

With Tom Jackson and Kim Hattingh absent, some changes were made to the Ely squad, with Seb Sanders-Hewett stepping back into the No 10 shirt, Rhys Hurst moving to 12 and Joel Scott Paul making a well-earned appearance on the wing.

As Haverhill kicked off Ely showed their intent and immediately shipped the ball wide, where a great running line from Kieran Kennett saw Joel Scott Paul run in from 20 metres to touch down the opening try.

The Tigers spotted the weakness and knew that the backs would be dominant. Seemingly unable to defend against the deep-running Ely backs, Haverhill became frustrated and in trying to spoil clean ball at the breakdown gave away a penalty. Sanders-Hewett obliged with the boot.

Further first-half tries came from centre Andy Hugo and a brace from Kennett at full-back, with Sanders-Hewett kicking two conversions as Ely turned around 27-0 to the good.

The restart saw the Tigers defend well against some great play from Haverhill, who had started to use their big forwards to put Ely under pressure for the first time. After a sustained attack Haverhill were rewarded with a crash-over try and, with the kick, closed the gap to 27-7.

This show of strength only fired up the Tigers, who turned on the pressure from the restart and scored through Jon Hunt as he claimed the only forwards' try of the day.

The kick was good, and the Tigers piled on the pressure again and Dan Coulson scampered under the defending line from a quick penalty.

Sanders-Hewett added another penalty, before Ely made a few changes, with Matt Kelly on for Hugo, Stacy Mould on for Lloyd Palmer and Jamie Russell on for Coulson.

And within a few minutes, Kelly had scored after picking a great line during support play, leaving the final score 47-7.

Head coach Paul Coulson was thrilled with the team's performance and said afterwards: "The work done in training is paying dividends. Defence is still steadfast and the work on support play is putting us in a great position every time."

Skipper Mark Mitzman added: "Our aim is to improve as each week passes, and this we are doing consistently.

"This performance showed that Ely can and will expose the weak points in an opposition and use it to our advantage."

Champ Goodjohn digs deep to show his mettle

TYLER Goodjohn was taken all the way but came out on top in a demanding test of his credentials in front of a home crowd at Haddenham ABC's first show of the season.

As Junior ABA champion, he has had things his own way recently, but following his move into the senior ranks this term he will meet more fighters such as Finchley ABC's Danny Murphy.

If it had been a battle of who wore the shiniest shorts, Murphy would have just edged it with his pink glittery numbers over Goodjohn's dazzling silver.

The bout itself was equally as close, with Goodjohn winning on a majority decision after finding himself well tested by the strong and aggressive Murphy, who has had more than 50 contests.

Jesse Smith got his own back on New Astley's Jamie Corner three years after losing to him in their first bout.

In an untidy fight at times, with Corner often pushing himself into Smith, the Haddenham boxer landed the telling blows when they mattered.

He opened Corner's nose slightly in the final round and continued to throw the cleaner shots to win a unanimous verdict.

Jack Fraser claimed a decent scalp by seeing off local rival Creon Taoself, of St Ives, on a majority decision.

Taoself held a significant height and reach advantage, but the home fighter tried to take the bout to his opponent.

■ REVENGE . . . Jesse Smith beat Jamie Corner.

The St Ives puncher showed some good movement on occasions, but failed to make the most of his assets, while Fraser kept going for the head when the body would have been a better option.

However, Fraser showed sportsmanship is still alive following the close-fought duel when he went across to Taoself's corner and lifted his fist in the air.

Despite displaying some useful shots, Zac Rush lost on a unanimous verdict on his debut against Waltham Forest ABC's Martin Lawrence.

Ben Mills threw some decent punches early in his bout with Michael Paraskeva.

But the Finchley fighter gave him a standing count in the second round following two quick flurries of blows. Despite Mills gamely trying to get back into the contest, he suffered a unanimous decision defeat.

New Astley's Pender Buckley claimed victory on a unanimous verdict against John McDonagh, of Finchley.

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Ely hockey stars maintain their unbeaten run
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Rangers absorb a late onslaught

Malvern Town 1 Soham Town Rangers 2

BRITISH GAS BUSINESS LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE MIDLANDS

A SUCCESSION of missed chances almost cost Soham an important win, but goals from Aaron Turner and Paul Jones proved enough to secure victory.

The hosts set up a nervous finale with a goal five minutes from time, but Rangers held on.

Manager Ian Benjamin said: "We should have been six or seven goals ahead at the end.

"We missed chance after chance. We've got to start converting them, especially at this level.

"We've scored just two goals, one a lucky effort from a cross and the other a penalty, and that isn't really good enough. But the lads stuck at it and we deserved the win."

Soham made a bright start and took the lead after 20 minutes when Aaron Turner's attempted cross floated over the Malvern keeper and into the net.

It was a fortuitous goal, but the visitors deserved the lead and they continued to dominate the rest of the half.

Scott Johnson and Andy Furnell went close and Darren Jimson headed against the crossbar, but the one-goal advantage remained at the interval.

The second half was equally one-sided, with good chances for Furnell, Michael Simpson and Stuart Ablett, but it was not until the 70th minute that Jones doubled Rangers' lead from the penalty spot after a handball.

Billy Smith forced a good save from the Malvern keeper before the hosts reduced the deficit five minutes from time on the counter-attack.

Soham are back in action on Saturday when they play host to Woodford United at Julius Martin Lane.

■ STAR TURN . . . Aaron Turner got on the scoresheet as Soham held on for victory.

'Rocket' too good for Perry

JOE Perry's hopes of reaching the PartyPoker.com Premier League snooker final at his first attempt were ended by world No 1 Ronnie O'Sullivan in a thriller.

Chatteris potter Perry matched O'Sullivan all the way in Saturday's semi-final, but it was 'The Rocket' who came through the ninth frame decider at Potters Leisure Resort, Norfolk, to clinch a place in the final against Mark Selby.

O'Sullivan took the first frame but it was nip and tuck all the way as Chatteris cueman Perry levelled the scores, only for O'Sullivan to edge ahead again.

Trailing 4-3, Perry produced a century break to level the scores, before O'Sullivan clinched victory with a 104.

He then went on to beat Selby 7-2 in the final.

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Fresh faces will give boss Lightning chance to strike

ELY boss Dennis Lightning is preparing to ring the changes, with new signings expected in the next fortnight.

The club have so far avoided getting drawn into a relegation dogfight, but Lightning wants to inject some new impetus into the squad over the Christmas period.

"I want to freshen up the squad a bit," said Lightning. "I'm looking to bring a couple of players in, a midfielder and a forward."

The Robins, who were due to host Great Shelford in the preliminary round of the Cambs Invitation Cup on Tuesday night, were expected to be boosted by the return to action of Peter Hinde, Simon Warren, pictured left, and Tony Brown.

"League position is the priority," added Lighting in the build-up to the match.

"But it would be nice to have a run in the cup."

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